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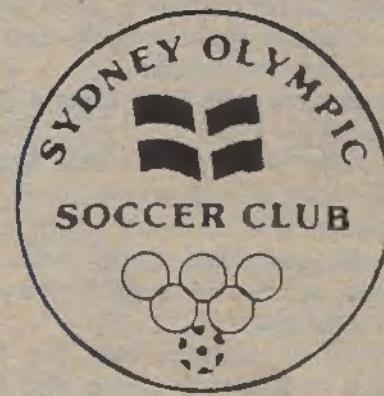


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# OLYMPIC WARNED



SYDNEY OLYMPIC go into Sunday's second leg of the National Grand Final against Adelaide City at Parramatta Stadium with a quiet warning from South Australia ringing in their ears.

Olympic, having already taken the first leg 1-0 in Adelaide last Sunday, must surely start favourites this time.

But not so, according to Adelaide City's efficient coach, Zoran Matic.

Matic quietly spelled out the warning in the corridors of Hindmarsh Stadium's dressing room area immediately after last Sunday's match.

He told me:

"We have just lost this battle ... not the war."

"It will be a different story next Sunday in Sydney in the return leg.

"Adelaide City will concentrate far more on our game and not so much on what Olympic is going to do."

"In this first leg my boys were overcome by the big occasion."

This season, without adequate finances for new playing staff and for general purposes, Matic has done a job which is

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

no less than magnificient.

His words of warning should be heeded.

DEADLY  
DUELS

Next Sunday should see a crowd of at least 15,000 pack into Parramatta Stadium to witness a possible first-ever National Grand Final win for Sydney Olympic.

Olympic has had only one previous chance to achieve such an honour.

That was on 1984 when it lost out in both legs to South Melbourne Hellas.

Deadly duels will occur on Sunday between a number of the players.

No harder battle is expected than between Olympic's fiery striker, Marshall Soper and

## APIA OUT TO CATCH STARS

APIA has made big plans for next season's new NSL format and has cast out a wide net to catch some really big fish from Soccer's ocean of material.

And officials are using some really attractive

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

bait to hook some of Australia's best football stars.

In their fishing basket they have orders for Frank Farina, Gerardo Gomez, Mark Jones, Rod Brown and Yugoslav star, Peter Zrilic.

And there are more quality players on the list as well.

The lines have been cast out far and wide.

Obsessed with high aspirations for 1987, APIA is waiting to reel in these stars to wear the Maroon and Blue for next year.

The boys from Leichhardt are desperately keen to revive the glorious days of the great APIA of yesteryear.



Vicente Estavillo. — Master

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## '74 SOCCEROO RE-UNION

THIS weekend the long-awaited re-union of Australia's most famous Soccer team - the 1974 Socceroos - comes to fruition.

Twelve years ago this Green and Gold-adorned side made history by competing in the World Cup finals in West Germany for the very first time.

It's also history that they covered themselves in glory with gallant displays against hosts and winners West Germany, going down 3-0 but fighting doggedly to the end. In fact the Aussies may have had their only Word Cup finals goal when Attilio Abonyi was so cruelly denied by the post after he had beaten both Sepp Maier and Franz Beckenbauer.

There was also the first up match against much-fancied East Germany, again lost 2-0, but the scores were locked 0-0 at half-time and one unlucky goal was conceded and another through a real gem.

The 0-0 draw with Chile could possibly have been a win had Jimmy Mackay's point-blank shot in the driving rain and slush not flown over the bar.

Unfortunately Australia lost Ray Richards through send-off in this game.

This Sunday at Parramatta Stadium the '74 Socceroos will kick-off their re-union against the Australian Soccer Media at 12.45.

And we strongly suggest that you... BE THERE!

# The Editor

IN New South Wales the State Federation has got round to approving the 14 team league, which will lead to it having the basis for the best state competition for years.

In amongst the arrangement is one whereby any promotion for Yugal (1986 Second Division premiers) and Granville Chile (1986 Third Division premiers) is withheld for one year.

Regardless of whether they win again in 1987 they will be the teams to go up. If other clubs win then, they too will be promoted.

That will, so far as matters stand at the moment, see Melita Eagles, Sutherland, Manly Warringah, Rockdale Linden, Ku-ring-gai, Uruguayan Auburn, Warringah Freshwater and Wollongong Macedonia joined by Blacktown City, Canterbury Marrickville, Wollongong City, Newcastle Rosebuds, Canberra City and Inter Monaro from the National League.

The carrying of the 14 team motion has opened the way for Newcastle and Canberra, from the Northern NSW and ACT Federations respectively, to take advantage of the invitation to play in NSW.

In the hurly-burly of Soccer politics and the resultant ups and downs, it is understandable if they examine their budgets and future in the terms of that invitation.

However it would be a shame if they did not enter.

It is quite clear that if this State League is operated with a new found drive, many of the attendances will be akin to the best obtained by the Sydney NSL clubs, with the probable exception of the likes of Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic.

The pity is perhaps that the move for the inclusion of Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City has come so late in the day.

At very least the scheme should have been placed in the balance with the present enhanced NSW State League and a decision made on a cost — benefit basis.

In any case the era of generally looking around for a sponsor has gone. This time a suitable public relations firm should be engaged to operate under the oversight of one of the NSW Federation directors.

Time here is of the essence as approaches should be firmed at the stage when corporations are completing their 1987 budgeting.

Leaving aside for the moment the Victorian clubs and the South Australian club in the 1987 National League, we have from NSW the entries of Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, St George, APIA-Leichhardt and Marconi along with Sydney City upon a decision that the latter will continue.

Early indications are that Sydney Croatia's club resources and excellent crowds together with superior staffing will place them on an even higher pedestal than this year.

The other clubs will have to put the pressure on themselves to the Nth degree, especially those who either can't afford too much or who have the burden of excess debts.

Provided — and we say provided — that there is no further change in the scheme of things, one of the six will find itself back in the 1988 State League under the promotion — relegation provisions.

And one Victorian, or the one South Australian team, will be out and due to be replaced from Victoria, South Australia or Queensland.

There seems to be a general admission that Sydney NSL attendances will not be improved. Probably we will see the NSW State League making up for those deficiencies.

In Victoria only Green Gully is a reject so the Victorian State League will not be greatly affected.

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# SAVOR'S SOCCEROO CHANCE HAS COME

**WALLY SAVOR**, Sydney Croatia's reliable right-back, has an outstanding chance to secure a place in the Socceroo side to meet New Zealand.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Savor is part of National coach Frank Arok's party to play in Auckland on Saturday October 25, with the return encounter at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday November 2.

He has claimed his place ahead of the Marconi pair, Robbie Wheatley and Paul Carter and Angie Postecoglou of South Melbourne.

Arok has had to come up with a squad which allows for the unavailability of stalwarts John Kosmina, David Ratcliffe and Kenny Murphy.

If there is a real surprise it is his omission of midfielder Zarko Odzakov, although Marshall Soper could be similarly categorised on his most recent form. Apparently his output against Czechoslovakia has counted against him.

As generally anticipated, Tony Franken has wormed his way into the squad as back-up goalkeeper to Jeff Olver.

The public would do well to recognise that almost all the players are either Australian born or have learned their football here.

This is a far cry to the position several years back. It is a sign of advancement, yet it imposes a big burden on the younger players to make their mark.

ly Savor (Sydney Croatia), Graham Jennings (Sydney Croatia), Charlie Yankos (Adelaide Hellas), Tony Dakos (Sydney Olympic), Alan Hunter (Heidelberg), Garry McDowell (South Melbourne). **MIDFIELDERS:** Ernie Tapai (Footscray), Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Paul Wade (Brunswick), Sergio Melata (Adelaide City).

**STRIKERS:** Frank Farina (Sydney City), Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia), Steve Maxwell (Adelaide City), Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic), Andrew Zanni (Brunswick). Additional players for

China tour — Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions), David Lowe (Marconi), Rod Brown (Marconi) plus another yet to be selected.

Players on standby — Mike Gibson (St

George), Angie Postecoglou (South Melbourne), Paul Carter (Marconi), Tom McCulloch (Sydney City), Robbie Wheatley (Marconi) and Robbie Slater (Blacktown).

## FLEMING RE-SIGNS FOR THE WOLVES

... and Kelly optimistic despite departures

THE GOOD SEASON THAT FELL AWAY

WITH PHIL MURPHY

IT'S official — John Fleming signed to coach Wollongong City again just hours before leaving for a holiday in England.

There had been speculation that Fleming might be looking for a new club after the Wolves were dropped from the NSL and that he was having trouble coming to terms with the club.

Club chairman Laurie Kelly said they had agreed to terms and Fleming assured him he would try to sign at least one player from the UK while he was away.

"The thing with us just now is that people are talking 'obituary' language and that's just not right," Kelly said.

"Naturally some will want to try out with Sydney NSL clubs but there are only six teams there and it will be a buyers' market," Kelly said.

"I am confident most of the players will be retained and be happy with the terms we offer them."

The general feeling among Wollongong players is that they won't be taking any pay cuts despite the relegation of their team.

Most are "sitting on the fence" until the new year to see what comes up.

Scott Dickson and Ray Vlietstra seem certain to move on, Dickson having said he hasn't been approached.

"I have finished my studies in Wollongong and living in Blaxland it will be a lot easier even playing State League in Sydney," he said.

"One Sydney NSL coach talked with me towards the end of the season and said he would get back to me but I haven't heard from him."

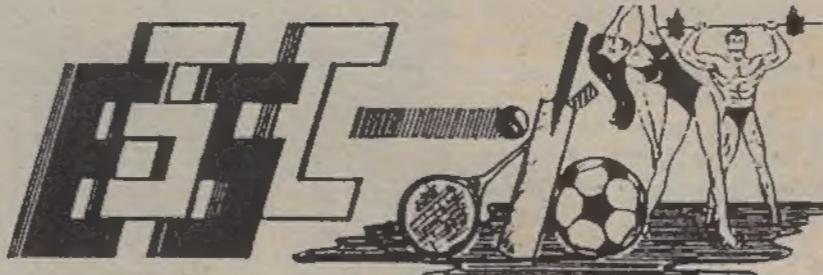
Vlietstra, studying at Hawkesbury Agricultural College, won't be short of offers and the Wolves are resigned to losing him.

His departure will be a real tragedy as he is an Illawarra product who came into the Wolves youth team in 1981 when they entered the league and later played in the Australian Youth team's World Cup campaign.

A sign of things returning to the old days ... Illawarra players having to leave the Coast to get into the "Big League."



Anthony Franken



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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Well you certainly can.

For next October, at Queensland's fabulous Gold Coast, the fourth Golden Oldies Soccer Festival will be held.

The Golden Oldies organising committee will be doing a promotional tour of cities next week to meet teams that wish to enter next year's Golden Oldies tournament.

From Saturday night they will be in Sydney for Sunday's second leg of the National Grand Final at the Parramatta Stadium and will be staying at the Oxford Towers in the City till next Monday.

Messrs Peter Williamson, Barrie Roberts, Jimmy Selby and Jimmy Rogers will all be available to be contacted for further enquiries on this fabulous Golden Oldies Festival.

Then they will move down to Melbourne where they will be staying at the Victoria Hotel till Friday morning.

On Thursday evening, they will be having a meeting at the V.S.F., where all Victorian enquiries will be answered.

The following Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Messrs Jimmy Selby and Jimmy Rogers will be across in Perth to meet Western Australia teams wishing to enter the tournament.

Australian teams entered already are from Victoria 2, Western Australia 3, Gold Coast 3, Brisbane 4 and NSW 3.

The Golden Oldies Super-Soccer Festival will kick-off on Sunday October 11 and will end seven days later after a Grand Finale Dinner at the fabulous tourist attraction of golden Queensland, "Seaworld".

#### TEAMS ALREADY ENTERED

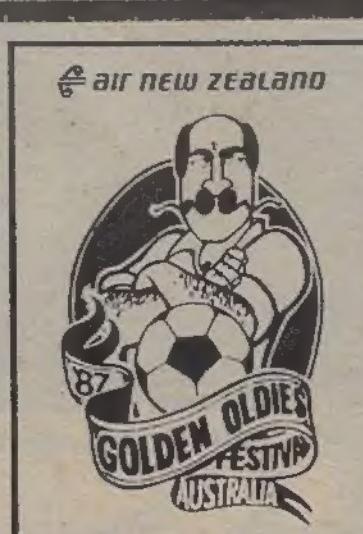
More than 600 players are expected to take part in this spectacular and unforgettable Festival in October 1987 on the Gold Coast.

New Zealand already has entered 15 squads, Australia to date have signed up six teams, and the West Indies will bring in two as will Canada.

Further squads expected to enter will come from:

The West Indies 2, England 2, New Zealand 10, the United States of America 1, Canada 2 and Australia another 11.

The Organisers of the Golden Oldies, which will be heavily sponsored once again by Air New Zealand, told ASW that the Festival has to be limited to 60 teams.



#### HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE NEXT GOLDEN OLDIES FESTIVAL

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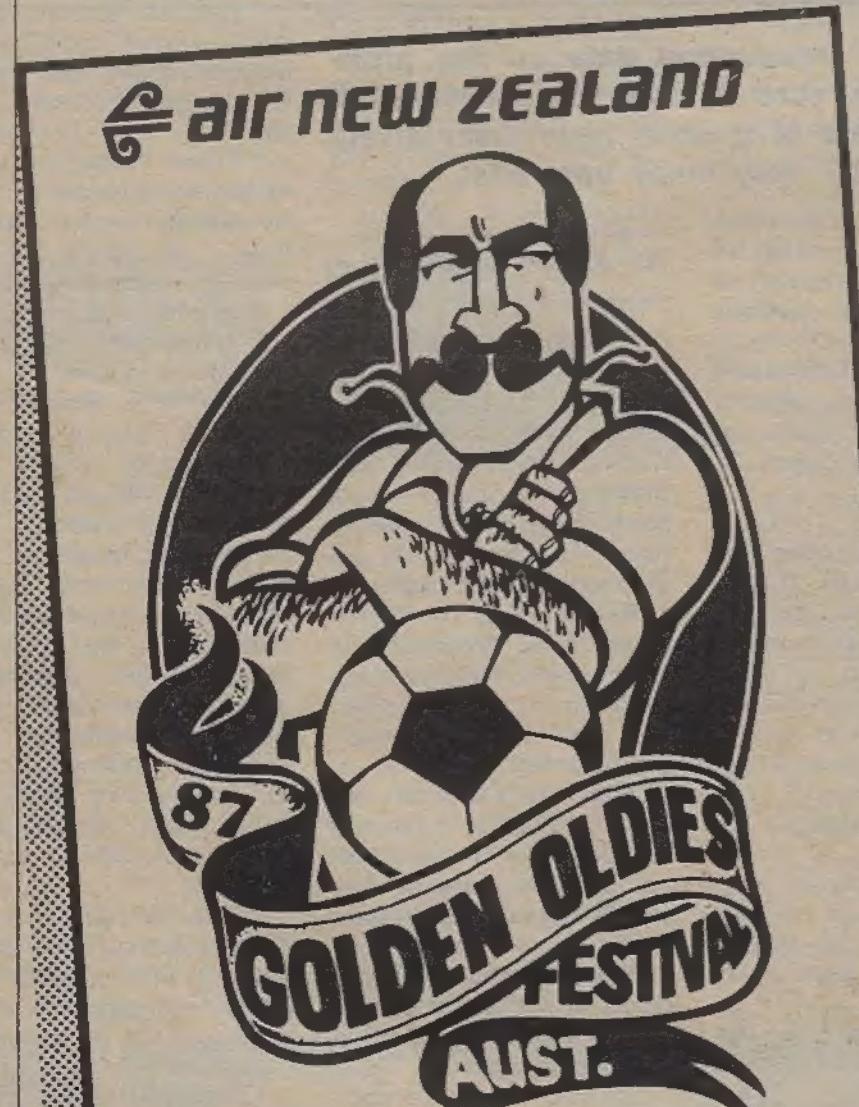
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# THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



CHRIS KALANTZIS has just completed his unusual goal celebration and returns to the game with shirt in hand.

THERE was an unhappy general feeling in the St George dressing room after last Sunday's Grand Final against Sydney Olympic. One hundred and twenty minutes battling to become the Northern Division Champions and our fate was finally decided on what we believe was a very unlucky refereeing decision.

Both teams had played their hearts out and chances in front of goal were numerous. At the 114 minute mark Chris Kalantzis collected the ball on half way, beat three players on a solo run and slotted it into the net for Olympic to take the lead.

In desperation we threw everyone forward and when Pedro Ricoy gathered the ball on the edge of the penalty area and set himself for a shot it appeared the game could be decided with a penalty shoot-out.

The Olympic keeper had moved off his line and it seemed merely a formality for Pedro to put us back on equal terms.

A swinging leg from defender Mike Coady brought the Saints midfielder crashing to the ground and we thought that a penalty would follow.

Unfortunately and to our disappointment, referee Bill Monteverde exercised his prerogative and dismissed the penalty claims by waving play on. So, what was in our view a blatant infringement in the box, which

on should have led to a penalty to St George, was allowed to go unpunished.

On many occasions in the past I have had the misfortune to be on the receiving end of dubious refereeing decisions when playing against Olympic.

In some cases the man in the middle appears to become intimidated by the large vocal support in favour of Olympic when making his rulings and a crucial decision often goes against their opponents.

It is a situation that is not about to change and must be accepted by clubs who lack similar support from the terraces.

But to lose the Grand Final was difficult to accept. After watching the replay of the game on SBS television I am totally convinced the de-

cision was wrong.

My feelings are that the pitch invasion after the third Olympic goal demonstrated the extent of the feeling present amongst the Greek supporters.

Although disappointed with the result, Saints had their chances in front of goal to make sure of a win, but on too many occasions these chances were wasted and we paid the "penalty".

To the Olympic Club and their supporters I would like to say congratulations on the win. I have no doubt that the Olympic team is a worthy representative for the Northern Division during the National championship play-offs.

Hopefully they will be able to continue their present good form and add the title of Australian Champions to the impressive list of successes they have accumulated.

lated under the astute guidance of Manfred Schaefer.

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While most interest at Parramatta Stadium this weekend will centre around the final leg of the play-offs to determine the best team in Australia, the curtain raiser prior to the main game should prove entertaining for the expected large crowd.

The re-appearance of the mighty Socceroos of '74 will be of interest with stars of the past such as "Noddy" Alston, Atti Abonyi, Ernie Campbell, to name but a few, on show.

Rumour has it that Noddy Alston is worried he may get booked for shooting too hard. He tells me there isn't anyone in the game today who can hit the ball as hard as he can and in his opinion a hat-trick is on the cards.

As all who know him will testify this is quite out of character for Noddy to blow his own trumpet so there could be plenty of goalmouth action.

Although studded with many stars, the '74 Socceroos will have their work cut out to overcome the confident Media team bristling with talent, skill and super football knowledge.

Those players who will no doubt become household names after this week's clash include



This week TERRY GREEDY analyses Saints' loss to Olympic and the upcoming 1974 Socceroo v Australian Soccer Media match.

Ted "Terrier" Simmons, Laslo "Maradona" Murray, Andy "Pick-a" Paschalidis and Frank "Cowboy" Coletta.

It's a shame "that man" Mike Hill who "saw all the possibilities" has not made himself available.

The crowd are in for a real treat from these as yet undiscovered talents so DON'T be late.

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It was interesting to hear the Saints players were on ten thousand dollars to win last week's grand final. Someone should have told them.

We sure could have used some good news after the "boo boo" over the tickets we received for our wives and families.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



"Noddy" Alston doing just that. A booking is on the cards!

## Parents are right . . .

# SOCER'S LOW INCIDENCE OF SPINAL INJURIES

CAREFULLY researched data on the problem of spinal cord injuries has proved what huge numbers of parents have instinctively recognised for very many years past.

It has shown that Soccer has an almost negligible occurrence of injuries of such a serious nature.

In fact the Children's Spinal Research Foundation has only come up with one such injury in 26 years.

Professor Tom Taylor, chairman of SpineCare said: "Facts are now available for this serious problem to be placed in a true perspective. Previous information from other sources was anecdotal, and not based on painstaking clinical research.

"Rugby union and rugby league can no longer be viewed as games, but rather, as near mortal combat."

The professor is the Foundation Professor of Orthopaedic and Traumatic Surgery at the University of Sydney and Head of the Department of Orthopaedics at the Royal North Shore Hospital.

In addition he is Visit-

union before 1977, but there have been 11 since.

"Thirty four percent of injured players in rugby union were schoolboys - as against 15 per cent in rugby league.

"Taking into account the numbers playing, schoolboy injuries in union are four times more common than in league.

"In rugby union, 62 per cent of all injuries occurred in scrums, and 30 per cent in league. Of these, 68 per cent occurred as a result of packing (when the two sets of forwards come together). This represents 23 preventable disasters..."

"The peak incidence for rugby is in June and July. This suggests that fitness is not a major factor.

"Only 17 per cent of players have returned to normal after treatment. Forty-four per cent have died or are totally incapacitated."

Obviously the incidence in Soccer is an absolute minimum - so much so that it receives little mention.

Major injury payouts under the NSW Sporting Injuries Fund show rug-

by league with 38 pay-outs in the first six years of the scheme, representing \$899000.

In rugby union the corresponding figures are 16 and \$530000, with the other major area for payout motorcycling with 18 major claims and \$461000.

Only three such claims have been made in Soccer totalling \$15000.

It may be that many Soccer players are insured outside the government scheme, but the figures certainly speak for themselves, as indicated by the minimal pay-outs for other types of sport other than those mentioned above.

There are of course other - usually much lesser - injuries in all sports including Soccer. Amongst youngsters there can be various knocks, the most serious of which is normally a possible broken limb.

Rugby union coach Alan Jones poo-hooed the figures in the SpineCare study but Professor Taylor stated that he would have no trouble in debating the issue with him at any stage.



THE Intrepid 'heart' of the SBS TV Soccer clan. At left the debonair LES MURRAY and at right the suave MIKE HILL.

# OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

## OLYMPIC HOT FAVOURITE FOR LAST LEG IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's 1-0 victory at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday against Adelaide City has strengthened them as odds on favourites with the bookies to take out their first National Grand Final on Sunday at the Parramatta Stadium.

With just 13 minutes before fulltime, they scored the solitary goal of the match through block-busting flank-striker, Chris Kalantzis, whose shot was touched over the line by Tony Dakos, according to referee Chris Bambridge.

Magical South American midfielder, Vicente Estavillo, who was probably the best player on the pitch, slung a cross from the right and Chris Kalantzis got on the end of it.

From inside Adelaide City's six yard box he smashed his shot to give Olympic the match.

Despite Olympic's win, Adelaide City were far from disgraced as they continually played as a unit in contrast to their Sydney opponents.

Adelaide City's back-four of Paul Shillabeer, Neville Flounders, Bugsy Nyskohus and Alex Tobin kept Olympic well at bay for 77 minutes with some very powerful defending.

But their midfield trio of Charlie Villani, Adrian Santrac and Sergio Melta was repeatedly choked by the Olympic quartet of Andy Zervas, Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos and Vicente Estavillo.

It was always going to be a rough afternoon between Olympic's fiery striker, Marshall Soper and Adelaide's tough centre-back, Neville Flounders.

Almost from the very first minute of the match, these two constantly tore at each other and had it not been for some very quick, super-efficient refereeing from world-class Chris Bambridge, both could easily have

head towards the net but just over the cross-bar.

One minute later, Olympic's Soper flattened Adelaide's centre-back Flounders with a powerful tackle that saw the yellow card instantly leave Bambridge's top left pocket and flashed into Soper's face.

Olympic's two diminutive midfield ball-winners, Phillips and Zervas, got through a ton of work winning much possession for their side.

Another Santrac freekick in the 32nd minute near the right flag saw striker Joe Mullen head just over the Olympic cross-bar from just six yards out as the Sydney central defence of Tony Dakos and Mike Coady missed cutting out the ball.

With pressure mounting now on Olympic, Adelaide City scored what appeared might be a killing goal in the 33rd minute. But through the scramble of strikers and defenders, the flag flashed up on the line to rule an offside offence just as the ball was knocked into Olympic's net.

Olympic failed to feed match-winner Kalantzis in the first half and Soper repeatedly came back to help defend.

Just two minutes before "drinks", Estavillo launched his second boomer.

From a solid 40 metres out, Estavillo crashed a spectacular rocket, well on target which Adelaide's keeper McNally had to use both gloves to punch over his timbers.

An angled shot by Raskopoulos from the right of the box saw Shillabeer clear with his head in front of his net.

The 58th minute saw Flounders flatten Soper and earn himself a yellow card from "dealer" Bambridge.

In the 64th minute

Kalantzis tried a snapshot from 20 metres out. McNally did very well to save by diving sharply to his right.

But Olympic came again just four minutes later when left-back Emanuel Spanoudakis collected the ball and shot it wide to the right in the air to pick up Soper. Soper brought the ball down with his right boot and spun around to blast a 20 metre crashing drive that flashed just over the cross-bar.

The 70th minute saw the best move from the home team.

Charlie Villani raided down the right flank and from 25 metres out slung a perfect cross to the left to find Maxwell. Maxwell got inside the box on the left to shoot at the target but found reliable centre-back, Mike Coady clearing his line with a solid header.

Just 13 minutes from the bell Adelaide City were in deep trouble.

Again it was that man Estavillo who laid the foundations for Olympic's winning goal.

From the right flank, he launched a well-measured cross to the left to find Kalantzis. Kalantzis refused to disappoint his South American architect and beating two defenders shot beautifully from close range with Dakos following up to touch the ball in.

But just six minutes from fulltime, Adelaide nearly pulled one out of the bag when from a Villani corner on the right. Centre-back Flounders, standing near the edge of the box, belted a thunderous volley on target. But giant Olympic goalkeeper, Gary Meier, diving sharply to his left, pulled off a spectacular save.

Man of the Match was Estavillo with Zervas, Raskopoulos and Rogers doing best for Olympic, whilst the home team was best served by McNally, Villani and Maxwell.

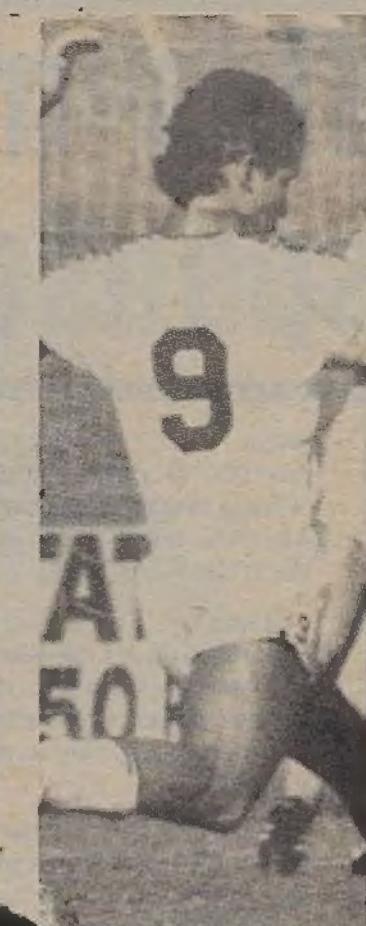
Parramatta Stadium's wider area could easily see Adelaide City have further problems with Olympic, who already have had a match there against St George two weeks ago.

After the match, an understandably disappointed Adelaide City coach, Zoran Matic, who has done a magnificent job this year, lamented to ASW:

"Of course a little disappointed. My players were a little overcome by the big occasion, but we certainly can play much better."



MANNY SPANOUDAKIS.



ANDY ZERVAS



Neville Flounders, good job on Marshall Soper.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally; Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin; Villani, Santrac, Melta; Maxwell, Mullen, Vidmer.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis, Phillips, Zervas, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Soper (Stankovic 74th), Kalantzis (Patalis 82nd). REFEREE: Chris Bambridge. CROWD: 10,600.

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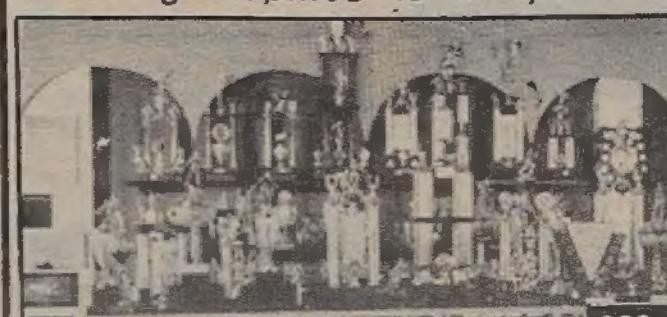
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# The 1974 Socceroo Re-Union

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**JACK REILLY:** It was Jack Reilly's ambition to keep goal for Australia in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, although this never eventuated, he had the distinction of being the only goalkeeper to have represented Australia in a World Cup finals series to date; that being of course 1974 in West Germany.

It was while he was attending university in Scotland that Reilly joined Hibernian as an 18-year-old.

After five years and 38 senior games with Hibs, Reilly went to the US where he had a stint with the Washington Whips. After 18 months he returned to Scotland and then it was off to Australia to join Juventus in Victoria.

In his first season there, Reilly not only won the club's best and fairest player award, but was also chosen by the then State coach Rale Rasic to represent Victoria.

In 1970 Juventus won the State League championship, State League Cup and Dockerty Cup as well as beating NSW Grand Final winner Yugal. But after two and a half seasons at Juventus, he was sold for \$6500 to St. George Budapest, which had also recruited Rale Rasic as coach.

After Saints won the championship Reilly moved to Hakoah-St.Kilda for \$6000 after the constant travelling got too much.

Then it was to Fitzroy-Alexander where, in 1976, he took over as coach. After a traumatic season he moved to Hellas the very next season.

Apart from Australia's match against West Germany in 1974, Reilly notes the 0-0 draw with Moscow Dynamo with Victoria as his most memorable, following a 7-1 hiding in the previous match.

Apart from having played 35 games for Australia — 15 of them full internationals — Reilly also represented Victoria 20 times.

**MAX TOLSON:** Max was one of the most accomplished players produced by the NSW south coast. He spent eight months with English club Workington where he became the team's regular striker.

Earlier, he had starred with his Wollongong club South Coast United, then coached by Jim Kelly, who also coached the Socceroos.

Max drew enthusiastic praise from Moscow Dynamo's legendary goalkeeper Lev Yashin after a NSW v Dynamo match in 1970, and was later included in the Australian squad by Rale Rasic.

He spent a season under Rasic at Marconi before returning to Wollongong. He was in Australia's 1974 World Cup squad.

**HARRY WILLIAMS:** Currently with Inter-Monaro, Harry has proved to be one of the longest serving players of all time.

Harry had played only six senior games for St. George when Rale Rasic included him in the Australian squad for the 1970 world tour.

One of the few Aborigines to have made the big-time in Soccer, Harry played as a substitute against Chile (0-0) in the 1974 World Cup finals, was on the 1976 world tour and played in the 1977 World Cup qualifying series.

Has also played for Canberra City.



HARRY WILLIAMS

**LES MURRAY:**

Media Source: SBS TV  
Birthdate and place:  
5-11-1945 in Hungary.  
Nickname: Laszlo.  
Weight and Height: 10 stone 7, 5ft9in.

Favourite Food: Chicken Paprikash.  
Fav. Music: Rock and Roll.  
Fav. other sports: Soccer, Soccer and Soccer!  
Fav. Actor/ess: Meryl Streep and Dustin Hoffman.  
Fav. Players: Pele, Maradona, Eusebio,

George Best and Puskas.  
Fav. Team/s: Real Madrid, Juventus, Manchester United and Honved.  
Fear: Coming up against Manny Schaefer and being sent-off for the second time in my career by Tim Davies!

Age stated Soccer: 12.  
Likes: Good wine, good food and life.  
Dislikes: I positively hate parochialism, the one-eyed stuff in particular as in Soccer where some supporters cloud the truth with mindless flagwaving.

General thoughts on the match: Terry Greedy should consider himself very lucky to be playing for us! (Aust. Soccer Media).

**DAVID HILL:**

Age: 40  
Media Source: Recently became the youngest chairman of the ABC, claiming that after being Chief Executive of the State Executive of the State

Rail Authority since July 1980: "Quite frankly I was in need of a new challenge.  
Birthplace: Essex, UK.  
Education: Educated at Orange High School and Sydney University. Master's degree in Economics with thesis on how to cut waste in government authorities.  
Family: Came to Australia with twin brother at 12. Married to journalist Emily Booker. Lives at Randwick.  
Career: University tutor, economics journalist. Appointed in 1976 by Neville Wran as chief economic adviser, heading the Ministerial Advisory Unit.  
Interests: Relaxing with a swim at Bondi, running in Centennial Park and playing Soccer.

**MIKE MIKOŁAJCZYK:**  
Media Source: Soccer Action  
Birthdate and place: 22-2-1962.  
Nickname: Ali.  
Weight and Height: 11 stone and 5ft 10in.  
Favourite Food: Chinese.  
Fav. Music: INXS.

Weight and Height: 82kg and 1.81cm.  
Favourite Food: Italian.  
Fav. Music: Peter Gabriel.  
Fav. other sports: I like all sports.  
Fav. team: Arsenal and France.  
Fav. all-time players: Beckenbauer, Maradona and Boniek.  
Fears: Amateurish Soccer officials.  
Likes: Travelling anywhere.  
Dislikes: Lazy people.  
Age started Soccer: 15.  
General thoughts on the match: I reckon we are going to have a hard time. There's no place to hide!

**ALISTAIR RUSSELL:**  
Media Source: Newcastle Herald.  
Birthdate and place: 3-3-1953.  
Nickname: Jamo.  
Weight and Height: 10stone 7in and 5ft 10in.  
Favourite Food: Italian.  
Fav. Music: Everything.  
Fav. other sports: Cricket.  
Fav. Team: Liverpool.  
Fav. all-time player/s: Pele, Gordon Banks and K.Dalglish.

Fav. other sports: Cricket and Tennis.  
Fav. team: Glasgow Rangers.  
Fav. all-time player/s: Charlie George, Pat Jennings and Davie Cooper.  
Likes: All sports in general.  
Dislikes: Bad mannered people.  
Age started Soccer: 7.  
General thoughts on the match: I just hope I don't get 'nutmegged' too many times by Atti Abonyi.

**NEIL JAMESON:**  
Media Source: Newcastle Herald.  
Birthdate and place: 3-3-1953.  
Nickname: Jamo.  
Weight and Height: 10stone 7in and 5ft 10in.

Fav. Actor/ess: Lou Grant, John Gielgud and Sissy Spacek.  
Age started Soccer: As a ballboy at three!  
General thoughts on the match: I think we (the media) and the crowd will be surprised to find how in tune these guys still are and this game will provide a timely reminder of what this side was in their heyday.

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# Sydney Olympic thru' the lens . . .

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC SUPER SNAPS

- 1—Chris Kalantzis takes on the Saints' defence in the Northern Division Grand Final.
- 2—Gary Phillips sorts out these Wollongong attackers.
- 3—Tragedy as Nick Theodorakopoulos breaks his leg again.
- 4—Marshall Soper, Peter Raskopoulos and Chris Kalantzis read their favourite newspaper.
- 5—Olympic's Walk-a-thon earlier in the year.
- 6—Drama with Phillips in trouble and injured against Marconi.
- 7—'Rasko' runs through St George.
- 8—Stuart Johnson goes at APIA.
- 9—Most probably Olympic's player of the year — VICENTE ESTAVILLO.
- 10—Showing off their DE COSTI sponsored shirts, from left, Dakos, Raskopoulos, Soper and Kalantzis.





# CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club



AS a young boy growing up in Lake Macquarie Craig Johnston dreamed of hoisting the English Football Association (FA) Cup triumphantly above his head.

That dream came true for Craig this year when he helped his club, Liverpool, to victory in the FA Cup over arch rivals Everton, scoring a goal along the way.

Amidst all the hype and glamour that footballing stardom brings, Craig has not forgotten his roots.

In fact, a generous gift provided by Craig could be the spur needed for another local lad to follow in his footsteps.

Johnston has sent a team shirt signed by all the Liverpool players to be donated to his old primary school, Speers Point Public.

The shirt will be the major prize of a

## Win Craig's cup final team shirt

competition run by the school as part of their annual fete.

Money raised from the competition will be used for the school's computer education course and the library.

Entry fee for the competition will be \$1 and the winner will be announced at the school's fete on October 31.

Tickets for entry are available by phoning the school on 58-1230 from 11 til 12.30 weekdays or after hours on 58-4711 or 58-6351.

THE five year old pictured is Nathan Keogh, who is in kindergarten class at Speers Point Primary School. His parents are Paul Keogh, a well-qualified Northern NSW coach, and Christine, sister of Craig Johnston's wife Jenny.

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## CANBERRA CITY OLD BOYS CAPTURE GRAND FINAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY OLD BOYS took out the Grand Final in their division of the ACT Soccer Federation last Saturday when they defeated hot favourites Belconnen North 4-1.

Coached by former World Cup captain, Johnny Warren, they led Belconnen 2-0 at half-time.

Goalscorers for Canberra were Fijian and former Canberra City Arrows player, Kenny Kawaleva who knocked in two, Johnny Warren

and Chris Janiszewski one each.

The week before they also captured the Cup when they defeated Kambah 1-0.

The Cup-winning goal was scored by Canberra City Olympians' Youth Team Coach, Mick Black.

Outstanding player for Canberra in the Grand Final was defender and club director, Mr Theo Moulis.

Theo was assigned the task of shackling the giant Roy Jones which he did to perfection, despite his having to concede at least 12" in height.

Club president of Canberra City and former Pan Hellenic player, Mr Charles Perkins, said after the match: "Us old blokes can still teach these young fellas a thing or two on the pitch." Perkins has seen 51 summers and Theo 52.

'JINKY' JOE WATSON has left Sydney City and has taken up the post of captain-coach at State League second division club — Kingsford.

PRIOR to departing for Greece on a 'secret mission' — SBS TV man GEORGE DONIKIAN made clear his disappointment at missing out on the 1974 Socceroo reunion match because of work commitments and left with this thought to his teammates: "You guys are in trouble!"

ZORAN MATIC, the coach who moulded Adelaide City into a fine unit in his first year at the helm, has a recommendation for National coach Frank Arok. "Charlie Villani would be the best selection he could make for the Socceroos," Matic said. "I don't believe that he should possibly miss out, yet he has never been seen in a camp."

ON page 4 of this weeks ASW, ace reporter and sometimes goalkeeper — TERRY GREEDY, claims ADRIAN ALSTON is worried he might be booked by the ref for shooting too hard.

Word has it that TIM DAVIES has already marked 'Noddy' and a few of his mates down already!

# CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

## JOHN ASTON IN AUSTRALIA



RECENTLY on the Nostalgia Series so well promoted by SBS-TV we saw the famous Manchester United-Benfica European Cup final, vintage 1968.

Amongst a galaxy of stars on that occasion was brilliant Manchester United winger John Aston, who played a big part in his team's victory.

Few today would know that his father John (Jack) Aston was a full English international. He made 17 postwar appearances for his country and was also a famous Manchester United defender.

One part of his glorious footballing career was acted out in Australia — and in Sydney in particular, when he was here as a marine during the last World War.

Playing at that stage as a midfielder or a forward, Aston was surely one of the best players to appear in Australian Soccer.

The British Navy played in the NSW State League as the HMS Golden Hind. Win or lose, they had real class, especially when all their top players were available.

Aston himself, a big figure of a man yet extraordinarily light on his feet, was mobile in the extreme and always able to prod his team into attack.

Other stars in the side were an energetic fair-haired centre-forward named Ken McGowan, and a winger who graced the Australian scene again in later years. His name was Len Quested — but more of him on another occasion.



ADVISING referees is part of the job of the referees' inspectors. Here Roy Pearce has a word to Nell Simmonds, who came up from Ku-ring-gai Association at the start of the year.

**NEWCASTLE**'s changed circumstances has had its effect on their coach PETER IRVING. He is now looking for a club and that could mean making a move to Sydney or another centre. A former Bradford City and Bury professional, he has coached successfully with Newcastle Rosebud, Edgeworth and Cardiff. In addition he played for and captained Northern NSW against many visiting teams. His home number is 049 51 7369.



PETER IRVING

THE Youth World Cup finals, for which our team will be striving in New Zealand in January, are set down for Chile in October 1987. The Canadians will be hosting the Under 16 World finals in mid July.

PROBABLY the most polished until to play in the National Soccer League was the early Adelaide City side. Their current coach Zoran Matic was a central defender at that time. Prior to that he was with Crvenka in the Yugoslav first and second divisions. After being with SA State League club Beograd Woodville, he had a rest in 1985 before rejoining Adelaide City, the club he had done so well with as a player.

THAT'S not a Marconi shirt Osvaldo! Certainly not. Marconi's prized Argentinian import — OSVALDO EL ALI was snapped recently playing in the Ethnic Cup in Granville. Fair enough you'd say — he'd be playing for Argentina, wrong! He's turning out for Lebanon....

On his future in Australia — particularly with Marconi, Osvaldo says he has been given an offer by the Fairfielders and is thinking it over.

It would be more than handy if the Italian-backed club could secure his services for next year because he has without doubt been one of the best players of the season.

ONE of the Australian Soccer Media members, namely ALEX PATON of Radio 2UE is really taking the game seriously.

Fresh from a brief if gruelling training session with Assistant National coach — EDDIE THOMSON, Alex set off for three and a half days of the most intense physical work available — military exercises with the army!

Alex's last words went something like this: "If you don't see me on Sunday then I've been enlisted!"

The roving reporter has been issued with this 'challenge' by his station as part of his job covering Kangaroo '86 — needless to say he was volunteered!

FULL MARKS to the ABC for covering both legs of the National Grand Final on Radio 2BL.

On Sunday the commentary from Adelaide came from JOHN OVERTON and this weekend after getting over the rigours of the curtain-raiser PETER WILKINS will cover the second leg at Parramatta Stadium.

And he will have with him a very interesting co-commentator....

Tune in at 2.55pm to find out who!

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### SIR ARTHUR'S VIEW

ASF President Sir Arthur George won a loud round of applause when, during his Rothmans Medal address in Brisbane, he said: "It is my personal belief that a National League is that in name only when it doesn't include centres like Wollongong, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane".

Sir Arthur went on to say the NSL clubs have only themselves to blame for the present situation as they were the ones that demanded to be able to decide their own destiny.

He also warned that sport must begin adapting for television as the medium will rule in the not too distant future.

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# THE JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

## National Indoor Soccer Excitement

Friday, 17th October:

Melbourne Eliminators v Lotto All Stars

Saturday, 18th October:

Canberra Rockets v Sydney Tornadoes  
Mackay Monarchs v Enduro Spartans  
Buffalo Mets v Lotto All Stars

Sunday, 19th October:

Canberra City Strikers v Sydney Tornadoes  
Brisbane Natra Bombers v Enduro Spartans  
Ansett Stars v Lotto All Stars  
Melbourne Eliminators v Buffalo Mets

**SYDNEY TORNADOES v BUFFALO METS 3-1**

**CONSIDERING** both teams had already played on the night, this game was rather slow. It seemed neither team could get into its stride and they both stayed in first gear. Tornadoes superiority and experience however was the telling factor.

They started full of confidence and waited for opportunities to arise rather than launch full scale attacks every time they got the ball.

Midway through the first half, John Lembrayk opened the Tornadoes account. Soon after Carlos Ferreira fired from halfway and the ball flew into the back of the net. George Psaroudis had no chance. The score was 1-1.

Tornadoes' methodi-

cal approach soon earned them another goal through Rob Stuart and they led 2-1 at the break.

The second half saw both goalkeepers making tremendous saves and without their prowess the score could have been a lot more.

One minute from time John Lembrayk intercepted a pass and from halfway blasted the ball past Lucky Inturrisi.

The final scoreline was 3-1 to Tornadoes. Even though the Mets lost, I believe that next year they will give a few teams a run for their money.

Goal scorers — **TORNADOES** Lembrayk 2, Stuart 1. **METS** Ferreira 1.

Points Lembrayk 3, Inturrisi 2, Psaroudis 1.  
— SCOTT GILLIGAN

## HECTOR MARTINEZ — DOUBLE HAT-TRICK

**ENDURO** finally hit top form and opened up a 4-1 lead within six minutes. Hector Martinez and Sid Rojano had brilliant attacking games. Martinez showed some brilliant skills to split the Mets' defence time and time again.

Rojano linked up with the attack to pick up a fantastic goal.

The young Mets players worked hard, showing tremendous skills. Some of their skills and tactics were quite outstanding. Goalkeeper Victor Mauranio made some outstanding saves throughout the first half.

The goals flowed quite fast and furious from Enduro Spartans, who took a 6-2 interval lead.

Enduro struck a further six times during the second half with Martinez bagging the six goals.

**CANBERRA ROCKETS v MELBOURNE ELIMINATORS 3-7**

Saturday 4th October 1986 in Canberra

**THE ROCKETS failed to take their opportunities.**

The Eliminators again played a tactical match and opened the scoring and continued to dominate throughout the game with the final score of 7-3 in their favour.

Referee — Geoff McGuinness (Sydney) — rating 8.

— MARK O'NEILL

**NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**

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## ENDURO SPARTANS v BUFFALO METS 12-4

Sunday 5th October 1986

Spartans. Lucky Inturrisi for Buffalo Mets.  
Ratings for Enduro Spartans — Victor Mauranio 8, Flavio Bacich 8, Marcello

Bacich 8, Hilton da Silva 9, Hector Martinez 9, Sid Rojano 9.

Referee — Mark Cotter (Sydney) — rating 7.  
— JIM BUFTON



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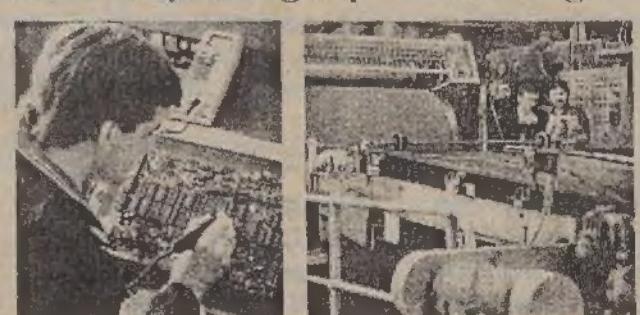
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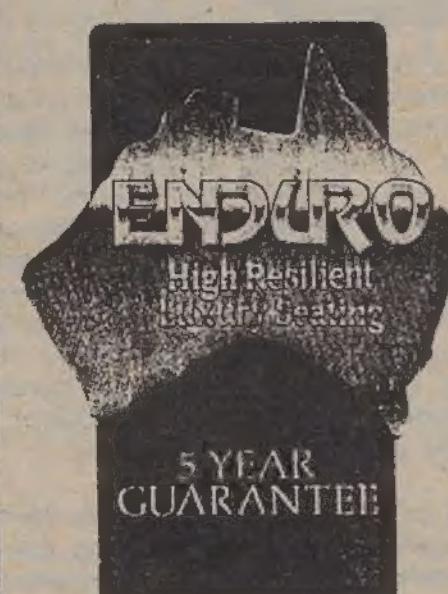
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# A TRIBUTE TO EXPERTS FRANK, EDDIE AND LES

LIFE at the top for coaches of our NSL teams is often precarious and, sometimes controversial.

Critics have a field day when either the team loses, players are dropped or something else happens at the club that is against the norm.

BY ALAN VEST



by the result at the weekend, then by the league table that follows.

It's one of the few professions where people with no experience other than as a spectator claim to be experts.

It's not that coaches complain. The majority accept criticism and the pressures and have a true love for the game. They work hard with their clubs and plan and analyse 24 hours per day.

But it's not only with their clubs that some of our top men share their knowledge.



TWO of the 1974 Socceroos on opposite sides.  
Ray Richards (left) and Johnny Warren (right).

Not much is written about their other activities and they would be the first to want it to be that way. However from time to time these things should be aired.

Some coaches have no time to talk and work with coaches from lesser walks of life - they're reluctant to front up and be counted in terms of putting sessions on or talking about their philosophies on the game.

It's not surprising though that some of our men at the top are always available to do just that.

I have tremendous respect for those people, they're always willing to get out there.

In particular the three men I'd like to mention, are the men in the top jobs at the moment.

All three have taken time out to put sessions on for the NSW coaches Association and I'm talking about Frank Arok, National coach, Eddie Thomson, assistant national coach and Les Scheinflug, the youth team coach.

Frank was at Valentine Park last Monday, the day after his narrow grand final loss. Eddie and Les were there earlier in the year.

It's good to see, and it ought to give another highly creditable insight into the sterling work of the men in the hot seats.

FRANK AROK — ecstatic.

## APIA SOCCER CLUB

### 1987 ANNUAL YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

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All trials to commence sharply at 6pm.

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U/15's & U/16's

October 13  
October 20  
October 27

October 16  
October 23  
October 30



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Messages can be left on the club's number 799 8997

**JIMMY ROONEY:**  
Jimmy's first game for Australia was against the touring English FA team. He went on to play 84 games for Australia (45 full internationals) over a period of seven years.

One of his biggest thrills was playing against Pele's team Santos in Sydney in Sydney, 1972.

Although Pele was shackled by Ray Richards, Santos still managed to go to the lead in the 32nd minute, but three minutes later Rooney stormed forward from midfield to pick up a clearance and smash it into the net to put the Socceroos on level terms.

Rooney played in England with Peterborough for two seasons before suffering from an ankle injury that took some time to mend. He then returned home to Scotland where he

**ALLAN MAHER:** Nicknamed 'Spider' because of his long arms. Maher started Soccer at the age of 16 with North Rocks Juniors, the Sutherland (3 years), Granville (2 years) and Western Suburbs (3 years).

He joined Marconi in 1975 and represented NSW and Australia Under 23 before being chosen to the national squad by Raleasic as one of the three goalkeepers for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

Maher played against St.Gallen in Switzerland on the way to the finals and his next appearance was against Legia Warsaw in 1975. From that time he was a constant member of the Socceroo squad battling with Todd Clarke for the number one spot.

He retired three years ago and now runs an Indoor Soccer centre in Merrylands.

played for Montrose until he headed for Melbourne.

Rooney joined Lions. Rooney won the 1968 Argus Medal as the best and fairest Victorian State League player and represented Victoria eight times from 1968 to 1969 before joining Prague in Sydney in 1970. In 1972 he switched to APIA where he had five successful seasons.

However, APIA refused to join the PSL when it started in 1977 so, anxious to improve himself, Rooney

transferred to Marconi where he once again linked up with Raleasic.

At the end of his first season with Marconi, Rooney was voted Australian Player of the Year by ASPA. He polled 201 votes, giving him a 93 vote winning margin over runner-up John Kosmina of West Adelaide.

Jim continued his Socceroo career for some time and captained Australia against teams such as Singapore, New York Cosmos and England.

**RAY RICHARDS:** Ray arrived in Australia in 1963 and settled in Queensland where he played centre forward with Latrobe and Hollandia. He represented Queensland from 1964 to 1968, including games against Everton and Moscow Torpedo, before moving to Sydney where he had a brief spell with Croatia where he was injured.

He played his first game for Australia as a substitute for Tommy McColl against New Zealand in the first match of the 1967 Asian tour. He played in four other tour matches and scored one goal in the 8-1 victory against Combined Services in Singapore.

Later he was a forgotten man until Raleasic chose him to go on the 1970 World tour. It was on this tour that he established himself as an indispensable part of the national team.

One of the highlights of his career was marking the great Pele in Australia's 2-2 draw with Santos in Sydney, 1972. Possibly he'll be asked to do the same sort of job on Les Murray this weekend!

Another experience which was quite not so memorable was being sent off the field during Australia's 0-0 draw with Chile during the 1974 World Cup finals.

The referee showed him the yellow card, then realised that he had shown it to him earlier, so he came back to advise Ray to leave the field.

Ray was and still is remembered as the man with the long throw. His ability to hurl the ball from the touchline almost to the far post gave Australia a corner kick situation every time the ball went out in the attacking zone. Crowds all over the world, but especially in Asia, marvelled at this remarkable ability.



## Sydney City Soccer Club

### 1987 YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

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NEXT Friday night at the APIA Soccer Club, the 1986 NSW-AUSTRALIAN SOCCER PRESS ASSOCIATION (ASPA), awards will be made.

At this annual dinner, awards will be presented to the Best and Fairest NSL Player from NSW.

As well there will be an award once again for the Best and Fairest Under 21 Player from the NSW State League.

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Players of the calibre of Anthony Franken, Vicente Estavillo, Arno Bertogna, Graham Arnold and David Ratcliffe have put heaps of pressure on the Soccer Writers for their votes, especially over the last eight weeks of the season.

Leading contenders in the votes from the NSW Soccer writers include:

Robbie Wheatley (Marconi).

David Ratcliffe (St George).

Gary Meier (Sydney Olympic).

Anthony Franken (Canberra City Olympians).

Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia).

Gary Phillips (Sydney Olympic).

Frank Farina (Sydney City).

Vicente Estavillo (Sydney Olympic).

Arno Bertogna (APIA).

Mike Coady (Sydney Olympic).

Johnny O'Shea (St George).

Jean-Paul de Marigny (Sydney City).

Andy Koczka (St George).

Vedran Rozic (Sydney Croatia).

Terry Butler (APIA).

Officials guests at the dinner on Friday evening will be:

Sir Arthur George, Mr Brian Emery, Mr John Constantine, Mr Aulden Brown, Mr Alan Vest, Mr Stefan Kamasz, Mr Peter Russell, Mr John Kosmina and Mr Tony Labbozzetta.

Club officials and supporters wishing to attend this Awards evening should ring for tickets by Wednesday (October 15th) at Australian Soccer Weekly.

Telephone 660 2033.

Tickets are only \$20 each and includes a luscious four course meal.

The evening has been opened to allow wives and girlfriends to come along.



MARSHALL SOPER hits a spectacular shot at St George Stadium, but Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken is out to save.



Robbie Wheatley.

David Ratcliffe.

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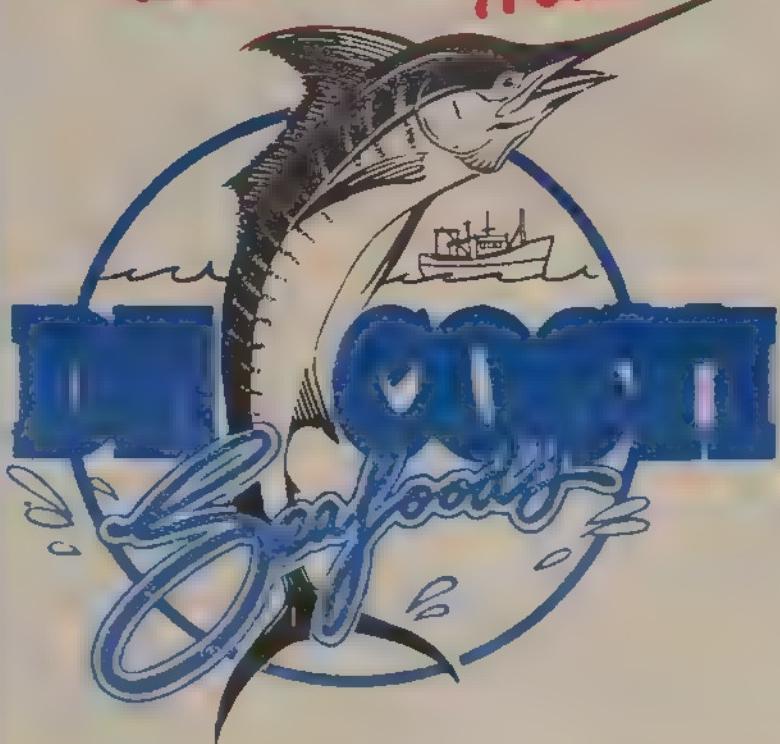
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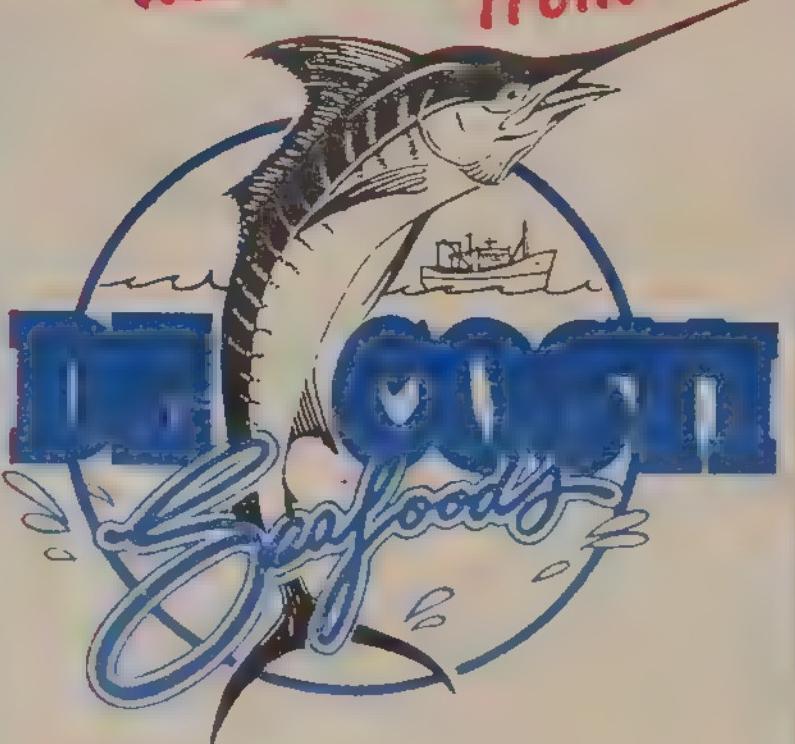
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# The State League Story

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC POINTS TO THE WAY AHEAD

A SUDDEN decision by NSL club Sydney Olympic to have its team accommodated at Valentine Park prior to the Northern Division grand final will have dramatic repercussions in a wider area.

Not that Olympic downing the redoubtable St George in the NSL Grand Final has anything to do with it either.

The fact of the matter is that Olympic have pointed out that they were delighted with the facilities for their own general purposes.

So far the park has been used by juniors and schools for the most part.

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— KEITH GILMOUR

## NSW FEDERATION INCORPORATES

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW Soccer Federation has made a decision to incorporate under the NSW Companies code.

This forward move will enable the affairs of the Federation to be conducted under strict and businesslike conditions.

The Federation is to be congratulated on its forward action as the alternative form of operation under the Associations Incorporation Act now available

in NSW is too loose for its purposes.

With the property at Valentine Park alone, the Federation is responsible for the conduct of highly valuable assets, no doubt worth millions of dollars.

It will be a case of ensuring that the directors who are appointed are able to fully match up to their extensive responsibilities.

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# STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

## SUTHERLAND DENY MELITA THEIR FINEST HOUR

A GUTSY second half revival by Sutherland denied Melita Eagles the unprecedented feat of recording a clean sweep in all three grand finals as well as the premiership double when they upset the favourites 3-1 in the Skypak State League grand final at St George Stadium.

BY STEVE SHEDDEN

It was Sutherland's first grand final victory since 1978.

Melita, the first grade minor premiers, had earlier won both the third and second grade grand finals and it appeared only a formality for the first grade team to cap off a remarkable season.

But although the 'audience' was primed — the Sutherland fans were very definitely in the minority — and the 'props' (fireworks and musical instruments) were in abundance, Melita's players seemed to forget their lines just as the season reached its climax.

Sutherland, on the other hand, delivered their lines to perfection and the jubilant scenes in their dressing room told the story.

"I'm pretty happy", exclaimed their coach, John Lavin, whose hand was being pumped non-stop by well-wishers.

"We've been getting better as the season went on, growing in confidence with every match."



JOHN LAVIN

tenacity unquestionably paved the way for their sensational victory.

However, early in the game, Melita seemed to be cruising to a more than comfortable victory.

After attacking strongly in the opening minutes, Melita hit the lead in the 15th minute with an astonishing goal worthy of a World Cup final.

Fittingly, it came from former Maltese international, Ray Farrugia, who received the ball from Paul McFadden on the right hand corner of the penalty box and, with awesome power and exceptional timing, crashed his first time shot into the top left corner of the net.

While the Sutherland defenders could only look in wonder, the Melita fans went wild, releasing another series of firecrackers from the stands.

Their rejoicing looked shortlived when, only five minutes later, striker Daryl Sharp scored for Sutherland, but his goal was disallowed by referee, Ken Small, who saw some pushing inside the box.

Although Melita continued to press forward and oozed confidence and style in each attacking raid, there were clear signs that Sutherland were gaining composure, especially in defence.

Sutherland began the second half in dazzling form with Sharp and Hughes testing out Melita keeper, Dennis Pupovac.

In the 57th minute, they were rewarded for their efforts when Sharp found the net with a shot from six metres after lead-up work on the left flank by Hughes and midfielder, Greg Lerond.

Despite looking dangerous, Sutherland still looked far from certain winners and one can only ponder the outcome had McFadden not missed a 'certain' goal in the 68th minute.

With only keeper, Craig Burchmore, to beat he placed his five

"And that's how the game went. Melita had the edge in the first half but we gradually improved and in the second half we over-ran them.

"Our plan was to have a go at them and we weren't frightened to do so. We might not have as much individual talent as Melita, but we certainly compete well as a team."

Striker and two goals hero, Scott Hughes, agreed. "We were quietly confident today. Although we were very nervous at the start, our spirit shone through."

Despite winning five of the seven trophies up for grabs in the State League this year, the ashen faces in the Melita changing room revealed their bitter disappointment.

Said their unusually subdued club secretary, Sam Vella: "No team has ever won all three grand finals. We were so close but came unstruck at the last hurdle."

"But it has still been a miraculous season — the greatest ever in Melita's history and we intend to keep improving."

Melita coach, Dennis Hoggart also looked inconsolable.

"After our two week lay-off I think we lost a bit of fitness and cohesion and it showed, especially in the second half," said Hoggart. "I think we were also too anxious to do well."

"But I take nothing away from Sutherland. They were very tough and tight at the back, they worked hard and fought well."

Indeed, Sutherland's

metre shot wide to the left of the goal.

Only four minutes later, Hughes put the southerners ahead after a cross from the left flank by Lerond and it seemed that the wheel was beginning to come off the Melita machine.

In the 78th minute, it dropped off completely when defender, Ken Wilson, saw his four metre shot brilliantly saved by Burchmore when an equaliser appeared a foregone conclusion.

Five minutes from full-time, Melita finally



TREVOR BUCKLEY ... medal winner.

### STATE LEAGUE

#### GRAND FINALS

##### FIRST GRADE

**SUTHERLAND 3 (S Hughes 2 D Sharp)**  
**MELITA 1 (R Farrugia)**  
at St George Stadium.  
Crowd: 3200.

##### SECOND GRADE

**MELITA 2 (W Dalton)**  
**B Brunner) WARRINGAH 1 (G Sandler** after extra time.

##### THIRD GRADE

**MELITA 1 (C Ortiz)**  
**SUTHERLAND 1 (M Fielding)** after extra time on penalties 5-3.



Members of Trasandinos: M. Silva, S. McDonald, J. Johnson and E. Campbell.

said goodbye to any hopes of salvaging the game when Hughes was fouled inside the box after a sizzling run from midfield.

The young striker coolly converted from the penalty spot and, in so doing, added the final touch to an extraordinary year of State League Soccer.

Outstanding for Sutherland were Hughes, Sharp, defenders Peter Terry and Brett Nelson, and midfielder Steve Meades.

Pupovac, Wilson, fellow midfielder Greg

McCoy and striker, Len Vial, shone out for Melita.

And in conclusion a big thank you to all club officials and players who have given their assistance to ASW and myself throughout the season.

**SUTHERLAND:** Craig Burchmore, Brett Nelson, Robert

Sellar, Peter Terry, Ian Burrows, Greg Lerond, Steve Meades, Mark Harrington, Bruce Johnstone, Scott Hughes, Daryl Sharp (Craig Hill 80m).

**MELITA:** Dennis Pupovac, Craig Williams, Howard Tredinnick (Jim Meerban 65m), Ken Wilson, Greg McCoy, Andrew Callinan, Ray Farrugia, Wayne Farnsworth, Paul McFadden, Len Vial, John Foxman.

CROWD: 3200.

## TREVOR BUCKLEY'S SOLID GOLD AT NORTH BANKSTOWN

ABOUT 500 people were in attendance at the Bankstown Sport Club on Saturday evening August 23 for the Bankstown United Association of Soccer Clubs' Medal Night.

The cream of Bankstown senior footballers from the Premier League competition were there to see Trevor Buckley of the North Bankstown Club receive the solid gold medal for being the best and fairest player in first grade for 1986.

The award was made on a points basis judged by the referees from the Bankstown Association.

The night was also highlighted by the presentation of trophies to the winners of Premier League 1st grade East Bankstown and runners-up Greenacre, and reserve grade winners Panama RSL and runners up Greenacre.

The Lansdowne Dancers, wearing colorful Premier League jumpers, performed spectacular routines.

It was a marvellous night, with officials and guests stated that it was better than any other sporting dinner they could recall attending.

— CHARLIE STRUCK

## BRUSASCO TO BECOME OCEANIA DELEGATE

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco is to become Australia's next delegate to the Oceania Confederation.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Brusasco, the Australian Soccer Federation senior vice-president, will replace longtime ASF official, Vic Tutting, from Tasmania.

Brusasco is expected to fill the position of vice-president within the Confederation, working under current president,

firmed to head Australia's under 16 challenge to the world titles in Canada next year if we win through the qualifying games in Taiwan.

Brusasco also could be delegation leader for the Socceroos' Ampol Cup tour to China later this year.

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# ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

## Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

## DEAN GARDINER BACK AT MACEDONIA

WOLLONGONG Macedonia haven't been short of applicants for their coaching job since John Bingham parted company with the club recently.

When secretary Bob Kezovski officially advertised the job, he said he had already received five phone calls from coaches keen to take it on.

"I was surprised that people would be chasing it even before we advertised the job," Kezovski said.

"We will assess all the applications as soon as possible as it is important whoever gets the job has plenty of time to plan for the new season.

"Under the new set up in State League next year things are going to be a lot harder than they were this season.

Former Vardar utility player George Todorovski could be among the favourites to take over from Bingham.

Todorovski joined Macedonia midway through the season and did well as a defensive midfielder.

Kezovski indicated Todorovski may be interested in coaching but it was a matter of waiting to see who did apply.

Meantime, Aris won the Macedonia Cup organised by Wollongong Macedonia when they beat South Coast Croatia 2-1 in the final at Berkeley Sportsground.

Wollongong Macedonia were disappointing, having lost to Aris in a semi-final.

It was significant that striker Dean Gardiner turned out with Macedonia in the series after walking out on the club mid-season.

Gardiner obviously had a difference of opinion with former coach John Bingham and returned after Bingham left.

He is now expected to stay with Macedonia next season.

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Illawarra referee Mario Mastroianni will again organise his popular charity seven-a-side knockout at Kelly Park on Sunday, November 2.

All proceeds will go to the Illawarra Society for Crippled Children and it costs just \$15 to enter a team.

Sydney teams are invited to take part in what has become a very strong knockout for men and women.

The only stipulation is

that National League or State League players can't take part. "It wouldn't really be fair to the players who just take part for a bit of fun," Mastroianni said.

"It's a great day for a worthy cause and entries can be made by phoning Wollongong 28 7099."

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Warilla Wanderers won't have goalscoring striker Robert Hernandez in their line-up next season.

Coach Eddie Mullan says Hernandez has decided to call it a day because he is being troubled by an asthma problem.

"He had a spell in hospital earlier this year and feels he is struggling with his Soccer because of the illness," Mullan said.

"Robert will be a big loss to us because he gets goals and in addition to that provides a touch of experience in a youthful first grade side.

"He has done a very good job for me this year and he will leave a big gap in my team."

Mullan is looking for one or two experienced players to bolster his side for the start of the new season.

He is certain the extra experience gained by some of his youngsters this year will really pay dividends in 1987.

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Cringila secretary Naume Janeski says prospective coaches must think his club is in the millionaire bracket.

The club have been taking applications for their coaching position next season after Darryl Glover's decision to

leave.

Janeski said some of the amounts mentioned in negotiations with applicants are unbelievable.

"They must think the ethnic clubs are all rich but this certainly isn't the case with us," he said.

Cringila is expected to name their new coach later this week and the tip is he will be a former Polonia goalkeeper who now lives in the northern suburbs of Wollongong.

Janeski said his club were sorry to lose Glover as he did a good job in his three seasons at Crehan Park.

"He didn't demand the money some of the other coaches were looking for and did a very professional job here," the secretary said.

"Glover is simply a Soccer-mad person and some of our players improved their game through his dedication."

Illawarra will have a team in the Golden Oldies tournament on the Gold Coast next year.

Organiser of the squad Terry Hurley said there is plenty of over 35 talent in the Wollongong area.

Former World Cup stars Adrian Alston and Max Tolson will be in the squad and Hurley also hopes to talk Peter Wilson into making a comeback.

Hurley will be playing along with former South Coast United midfielders and current ISA coaches Gerry Walker and Norm Flanagan.

Adrian Ringland and Robert Banks are others interested, while Atti



ADRIAN ALSTON

"We now need three teams rather than two to compete in the State League."

Kelly said in the past an attempt has been made at amalgamation but without success because some Fairy Meadow officials are not keen on the idea.

"They have put a lot into their club and had a lot of success over the years so I suppose it is hard to forego all that tradition," Kelly said.

"I still feel it could happen in the not too distant future."

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An amalgamation between Wollongong City and Fairy Meadow isn't out of the question according to Wolves' chairman Laurie Kelly.

Kelly said there are obvious advantages to both clubs.

"We are both backed by Fraternity Bowling Club and they would like to put their money into one club and hope it will be successful," Kelly said.

Fairy Meadow are to be relegated from State league and have a battle on their hands to regroup three teams to do well in the second division.

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Richard Peil must feel he "pulled the wrong rein" when he left Fairy Meadow for Wollongong City hours before the transfer deadline in June.

Peil joined the Wolves and his outing against Canterbury was the only full appearance he had.

When he left Fairy Meadow he didn't know

it but he led the Rothman's Medal for State League players.

Fairy Meadow officials are adamant if he had stayed on he was playing well enough to win the medal clearly.



ATTI ABONYI

## HORNETS AND GOANNAS GET TOGETHER IN CESSNOCK

EYES popped at the Northern NSW State Divisional Grand Finals day at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Sunday September 20.

The sight of a big man entering one dressing room prior to the kick-

off of the Second Division decider between Cessnock Hornets and Belmont was quite unexpected.

The man looked for all the world like a tough New Zealand rugby league front row forward.

He bore no resemblance to any of the well

known Cessnock Soccer players into whose dressing room he made his way.

After the match - which Cessnock won 3-0 - he and another man were again seen entering the Coalfields' dressing room, later to emerge and saunter out of the ground.



The visitors? None other than the former international rugby league player 'Big Henry' Tatana, who is now a highly respected citizen of the City of Cessnock,

and their hard working executive member Mick Goldman.

Later the Cessnock skipper Gary Fairlie explained that there was a new era developing in their city. Any antagonisms of the past were well and truly gone and a spirit of co-operation between the codes was the order of the day.

Rugby league coach Bruce Starkey and Soccer coach Mike Southworth had, through the season, held joint training sessions using each others' methods to their

league followers were at Macquarie Field to reciprocate, including Henry Tatana and Mick Goldman.

Gary Fairlie in a hoarse whisper said that 'Big Henry' was shouting the Soccer squad "eighteen gallons of congratulations" when they got back home to Vincent Street.

One wonders if there are other areas where such co-operation exists among the codes, as it does now in Cessnock.

## FRANKEN TOP CANBERRA PLAYER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LAST Saturday night Canberra City Olympians held their annual Presentation Night and dynamic young goalkeeper Tony Franken took out their "Player of The Year" award.

Franken's spectacular performances during the 1986 season between the posts guaranteed his prize.

Franken, a graduate from the Australian Institute of Sport, joined the club in 1984.

Runner-up was their Peruvian international midfielder-cum-striker, Augusto Palacios.

Most Entertaining Player of the Year award went to flanker Hilton Phillips.

Gardiner Murray took out the Youth Team Player of the Year award.

Franken will bid farewell to Canberra as he puts on the gloves next season for Sydney Croatia. He signed last week with the Northern Division champions for a bargain transfer deal worth only \$12,000.

In two weeks time he will be travelling with the Australian squad to New Zealand to do battle with the All Whites in Auckland at Mt Smart Stadium.

BILLY WILLOX is ready to move on after four years with Inter Monaro.

The 26 year old Scot is disappointed and disillusioned after Monaro's nightmare season which saw them finish bottom of the Northern Division of the NSL.

"I think the time has come to face a new challenge and I am open to offers," he said.

"Of course I'd like to stay in the NSL, but the NSW Super League will

## WILLOX ON MOVE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

be a good competition — as good as anything nationally."

In the meantime he is enjoying the off-season as one of the stars of Canberra City Strikers in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

Monaro has already lost striker Steve Winn, who has returned to England.

Club captain Ricky Budini is reported to be considering a number of offers.



Juventus-Pioneer's John Broadhouse was the Tasmanian Cadbury State League's equal top scorer with 23 goals.

—Photo 'Van Diemen'

# THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

## COALSTARS TO TWIST KNIFE

QUEENSLAND Soccer Grand Final winners Coalstars are set to twist the knife by signing a player from their beaten opponents, North Star.

Coalstars came back from a goal down to win the QSF's XXXX League Grand Final 2-1 and now are believed to be chasing North Star midfielder-striker Billy Williamson.

Williamson, the former Brisbane City and Lions NSL player, lives in Brisbane's Western Suburbs, much closer to Bundamba-based Coalstars than to North Star, based at the Northern Suburb of Zillmere.

Williamson, the former Dundee player, is presently refusing to comment on the speculation linking him in a move to Coalstars but confirmed some weeks ago that he had been approached by "one or two clubs".

Coalstars are hoping to retain their entire squad from this year and coach Brian Styles believes the addition of "the experienced North Star player" — Styles so far refuses to confirm it is Williamson — will ensure Coalstars stay among the honors next season.

Coalstars battled with North Star for every major title this year. The Bundamba team won the Ampol Cup, and the Brusasco Cup

for Grand Final winners, but blew the treble when they threw away the Championship in the last round.

Styles believes his new signing will ensure that doesn't happen again.

But Coalstars atoned for the disappointment of the championship loss when they outclassed North Star in the Grand Final — which carried a winner-take-all \$10,000 cheque.

North Star opened in blistering style and were 1-0 up after only 10 minutes. The goal came when North Star exploited a gap left by Coalstars Kevin Caldwell, who had been floored in back play.

Gordon Buchanan made an overlapping run and then pushed wide to veteran Alan Marley. Marley showed all his skill to draw the Coalstars defence, then chip over the top for Ross Swan to volley in at the near post.

Swan's goal was the 100th scored in Premier Division Brisbane Grand Finals.

But, Coalstars hit back and the first half was to be one of the most entertaining ever seen at Soccer

headquarters. Action swung from end to end before Dave Wheeler spun his magic to put Coalstars on level terms and then in front.

Wheeler had been under an injury cloud since the last fixture following a knee injury. Club officials had denied all week in lead-up to the Grand Final that the former top English amateur would play. But few were surprised when he took his place in the starting line-up.

In the first goal Wheeler controlled a Murray Kitching cross and laid it off for Bruce Penman to drive into the net. But Wheeler's part in the second goal was even more dynamic.

He chased a ball all had given up for dead and dragged it back from the goal-line. He then fired a low cross into the goalmouth where Andy Ogden put it away.

The goal was significant for Ogden, the younger brother of Lions' NSL player John Ogden. Ogden scored the winner for Olympic United in the 1983 Grand Final and his effort in this match also averted the possibility of a replay — which he would have had to miss because of a planned overseas trip starting two days later.

The second half was more a case of desperate

defence from Coalstars — despite the constant urging from Styles that they were not to sit back and hold out.

"That's how we lost the premiership and they were under strict instructions not to do it again. They did, and well, we got away with it," Styles said.

North Star pushed desperately for an equaliser and it was only some heroic defence, particularly from Kevin Caldwell that saved the day. Caldwell three times cleared off the line and won the official Man of the Match award for his efforts.

ASPA chance — JOHN OGDEN

## LIONS AND COALSTARS EXPECTED TO SCOOP THE QLD ASPA POOL

PLAYERS from Brisbane Lions and Grand Final winners Coalstars are expected to scoop the awards at the annual presentation dinner of Queensland Branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association at Perry Park this week.

Lions provided 10 players to the Queensland squad which beat NSW 1-0 this year while Coalstars were the most successful club in the XXXX League.

Players from both teams have polled well in the Player of the Year award with those in line to win including Mark Brusasco, Mark McNaughton, Steve Jackson, John Ogden and Danny Wright. Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp and North Star's Alan Marley and Billy Williamson could also figure.

Most expect the Coach of the Year to be fought out between Coalstars' Brian Styles and North Star's Iain

Fagan, but the dark-horse could be the QSF's Bruce Stowell. In addition to scoring an interstate victory over NSW, Stowell also guided his State under 16 team to the National Final and saw his under 19s Jason Polak, John Koch, Domenic Tonel, Nick Meredith and Jarrod Austin included in the initial Young Socceros squad.

The Referee of the Year award could go anyone with Bill Monteverde, Alan Kibbler and Ken Adriaansen performing well on the NSL scene and locally Dave Nugent, Peter Murray and Gordon Nicholson maintaining a

high standard. Several new boys including Wayne Smith have also impressed.

The Rookie of the Year, for the best performed player in his first season as a regular, attracted a host of nominees. They include Mount Gravatt's Domenic Tonel, Lions' Nick Meredith, Coalstars' Alan McFarlane, Taringa's Phil Mulvey, Thistle's Jason Burr and Rochedale's Brian MacNicol.

A Team of the Year, comprising the best 11 players, will also be announced. It is understood four players from the XXXX League have been included.

FEW coaching positions will be available in Brisbane this off-season. Most clubs have moved quickly to resign their current charges.

Despite losing their NSL status, Brisbane City and Lions have re-appointed their 1986 coaches. Lions will again be guided by Col Bennett and Billy Wilkinson will be given the responsibility of rebuilding City.

In the XXXX League, most clubs seem happy with their current bosses.

Grand Final winners Coalstars have offered Brian Styles a new contract which he will accept pending family

## MARSH CAPS COMEBACK TO WIN MEDAL

GRANGE THISTLE utility player Keith Marsh capped a comeback from injury to snare this year's Queensland Rothmans Gold Medal.

It was the 13th presentation of the best and fairest award — but certainly wasn't unlucky for the 23-year-old fullback-striker.

Marsh, who has played all his football since juniors with Thistle, was tagged a rising star several years ago, but was lost from the game for a time when he first broke his arm and then suffered a recurring shoulder injury.

An operation which saw pins inserted in his shoulder enabled Marsh to return to Thistle and this season has been his best ever. At 23 he was one of the more experienced players in the re-

Rovers) by three points.

Next on 16 points was Olympic United defender Mike Cerneka, followed a point further back by Mount Gravatt midfielder Martin Kirsopp and North Star striker Paul Fagan. The 1981 medal winner Coalstars' Mark Brusasco scored 14 points.

The win was the third triumph for Grange Thistle. The club provided Steve Dolan in 1979 and Ken Swan in 1983. Swan also won the following year when playing on loan with Rockhampton club Capricornia.

Although Marsh was always well placed in the count, he opened up a four point lead at the halfway mark and clinched the medal when he received a three-pointer in Thistle's second last match, a 2-0 win over Wynnum.

In all 114 players polled points and only three were ruled ineligible. The voting was:

- 21: K. Marsh (Thistle).
- 18: J. McDonagh (Easts), C. Daunt (Taringa).
- 16: M. Cerneka (Olympic).
- 15: M. Kirsopp (Mt Gravatt), P. Fagan (North Star).
- 14: M. Brusasco (Coalstars).
- 12: D. Wheeler (Coalstars).
- 11: J. Dann (Ipswich), M. Tripp (North Star).
- 10: C. Low (Lions), P. Redmond (Easts), D. Lobwein (North Star), E. Bedis (Olympic).
- 9: P. Vogler (Ipswich), C. Dickson (Mt Gravatt), A. Lape (Taringa), P. Leathem (Wynnum).
- 8: M. McNaughton (Coalstars), B. Williamson (North Star), A. Marley (North Star), G. Otto (Olympic).
- 7: R. Barnard (Ipswich), T. Carnavas (Mt Gravatt), M. Gilbert (Taringa), P. Mulvey (Taringa).
- 6: A. Ogden (Coalstars), P. Thompson (Easts), C. Scott (Easts).
- 5: W. Armit (Lions), M. Kelly (Lions), R. McSkimming (Lions), M. Mulvey (Lions), R. Van Win (Lions), J. Kitching (Coalstars), B. Penman (Coalstars), S. Dolan (Thistle), D. Graham (Ipswich), W. Warren (Ipswich), D. Costa (Mt Gravatt), S. Glockner (Olympic), M. Milovanovic (Olympic), W. Corbett (Wynnum).



## COACHING POSITIONS IN QLD ARE HARD TO COME BY

North Star player Jim Cameron is tipped as the likely new coach.

Eastern Suburbs also have opted for his year's coach, John Sime, while Ipswich United also have reappointed Matt Carson. Taringa also are extremely happy with Iain Kesson and will be hoping to retain him this season.

Newly promoted Rochedale Rovers are also certain to continue with their dual coach arrangement of Nigel Lownds and Eddie Spearritt.

The only clubs yet to confirm their 1987 appointments are Mount Gravatt and Grange Thistle. But, it

is unlikely either club will make any shock announcements.

Mount Gravatt's long-time coach Eric Thompson still has a year of his contract to go and rumored discontent represented disappointment at the weak way his side crashed out of the Preliminary Final.

Thistle have approached club favorite Steve Dolan to take their coaching reins. Only if Dolan declines is there then likely to be a vacant coaching position available in the XXXX League.

And that could put Thistle in the envious position of picking whoever they like.



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## TRADITION . . . TRADITION AT BOORAGUL HIGH SCHOOL

PETER TREDINNICK, Malcolm McClelland, Michael Boogaard, Howard Tredinnick, Brett Cowburn, Lee Sellers, John Cowburn, David Baldwin, Craig Johnston, Garth Leary, Ross Lawrence, Bruce Murphy, Carl Leary, Stephen Jones, Bruce Sneddon, Paul Keogh, Barry Boslem, Paul John, Glen Hall, Neil Cruickshank, Robert Porter, Robert Holland . . . yes, the list goes on and on.

These are just some of the names that flow off the tongue when listing the Soccer players to emerge from that nursery of talent, Booragul High School. Some are known around the world, others, either on the national scene or in Northern NSW.

It must be said here that the school boasts quite a number of others who have achieved fame in other sports: Christine O'Neill — tennis, Peter Wellham — water skiing, Robert Holland again — cricket, Terry Kywood and Reg Crick — 505 sailing are good examples.

And 1986 sees the school continue on in its great Soccer tradition through the exploits of Gavin Parry and Craig McGregor.

—BY BILL TURNER—

### Profiles

NAME: Gavin Parry

AGE: 17

DATE OF BIRTH:

12.1.69

BORN: Newcastle

NICKNAME: "Gav"

WEIGHT: 78

HEIGHT: 1.80

SCHOOLS: Speers Point Primary, Booragul High.

CLUBS: Lake Macquarie Juniors,

Adamstown and

Newcastle Rosebud United.

REPRESENTATIVE

HONOURS: Macquarie Junior Association:

From Under 10 to Under 15 Northern NSW, From Under 13 to Under 15. Bill Turner Cup.

Commonwealth Bank Cup Hunter Region Secondary Schools 1985, 1986 NSW Combined High Schools 1985, 1986 NSW All Schools tour of Europe 1986 Australia Under 15 1984, Oceania Qualifying tournament in New Zealand.

Standby-Australian Under 16 — China 1985.

Standby-Australian Schools — British tour 1985.

AMBICTIONS: To be a successful NSL player with a team from Newcastle. To become a qualified coach — At present doing the Level II Course. Will be coaching the Lake Macquarie Under 13

FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS: Marshall Soper and John Kosmina.

FAVOURITE WORLD PLAYER: Maradona.

FAVOURITE TEAM: Liverpool.

OTHER SPORTS: Surfing, swimming.

LIKES: Good team play.

DISLIKES: Rough house players; fast and

furious play to the detriment of skillful football.

REFEREES: Most do a good job.

FUTURE: 1. Would prefer to see Newcastle returned to the NSL.

2. Newcastle should only play in a Super League which gives opportunity to return to the NSL.



### CRAIG Mcgregor

Highfields U/18

NAME: Craig McGregor

AGE: 15

DATE OF BIRTH:

15.1.71

BORN: Newcastle

WEIGHT: (9 stone) 57kg

HEIGHT: 175cm

SCHOOLS: Speers Point Primary, Booragul High.

CLUBS: Lake

Macquarie Juniors,

Highfields Under 18.

REPRESENTATIVE

HONOURS: Macquarie Association from Under 9 to Under 15. Northern NSW Amateurs, from Under 13 to Under 15, Bill Turner Cup,

Commonwealth Bank Cup, Australian under 16 squad member to play in Taiwan.

AMBICTIONS: To play top grade football and one day play in the World Cup for Australia.

GREATEST

INFLUENCE: His father Roy McGregor and Northern NSW Coach, Wayne Simpson.

FAVOURITE

CURRENT

NORTHERN NSW PLAYERS: Joe Senkalski and Malcolm McClelland.

Super League 1987.

GREATEST

INFLUENCE: His father, Jim Parry, a former First Division player in Northern NSW.

FAVOURITE

CURRENT

NORTHERN NSW PLAYER: Neville Power.

FAVOURITE FORMER NORTHERN NSW & AUSTRALIAN

PLAYER: Col Curran.

OTHER SPORTS:

Cricket, Hobie Cat sailing.

LIKES: Watching individual skills.

DISLIKES: 1. Referees who appear to think that the spectators have come to see them.

2. Seeing Newcastle, thrown out of the NSL.

3. Professional fouls.

THE FUTURE: 1.

Australia develop its own style to play instead of aping other countries.

2. Soccer administrators to promote "Australian" Soccer — NOT like the present NSL set up.

3. Improve Soccer facilities and playing surfaces.

### RULE CHANGE: 1.

After a professional foul, restart the game with only the players who were involved when the foul was committed. 2. Widen the goals — fans want goals.

FINAL COMMENTS: 1. Gavin would like to see Northern NSW re-admitted into the Australian Schools Soccer Federation.

2. People in Australian Soccer should recognise that Northern NSW is a Soccer state in its own right.

### JOHNSTON'S SCHOOL

P.S. (1) Gavin Parry and Craig McGregor both attended Speers Point Primary and Booragul High, as did Craig Johnston.

(2) Booragul High is located on the North West tip of Lake Macquarie. Its feeder primary schools are located at Speers Point, Boolaroo, Teralba, Booragul, Fennell Bay and Fassifern. Students also come from Bolton Point and Marmong Point but these town do not have primary schools.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

### VICTORIOUS

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS were undefeated along with Granville in the Under 13 years State Championships played at Lithgow over the Labour Day weekend.

They managed to take the title on superior goal difference.

Along the way Southern Districts defeated Riverina 3-1, Southern NSW 3-0, Croatia 2-1, Western NSW 7-0 and drew with the Granville side 1-1.

The outstanding player for Southern Districts was Ferdie Figueiroa in goal.

The defence was ably led by Andrew Nazur. Also standing out was midfielder Chi Chi Mendez and striker Ron To.

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1986 GROUP 2 CHAMPIONS are conducting trials following their elevation into GROUP 1 for the 1987 season at:

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U/13 & U/14	U/15 & U/16
October 7	October 2
October 14	October 9
October 21	October 16
October 28	October 23

For further information contact either:

Mr R. Neesam 604 8504

Mr G. Baldock 607 3032

### BANKSTOWN ASSOCIATION 1987 YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

19th and 26th of October

U/13's 9 a.m. U/14's 11 a.m.

U/15's 1 p.m. U/16's 3 p.m.

at **Stuart Reserve**,

Stuart Street, Padstow

Coaches and Managers also required.

For further details contact

Eric Smith 727 7937

OR

Jenny Russell 771 4416

## NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

### Finals

### Valentine Park, Sydney October 19

U9 Ground 1 9.30am  
U10 Ground 2 9.30am  
U11 Ground 3 9.30am  
U12 Ground 1 11am  
U13 Ground 2 11am  
U14 Ground 3 11am  
U15 Ground 3 12.45pm  
U16 Ground 1 12.45pm  
U17 Ground 2 12.45pm  
U18 Ground 3 2.45pm  
U21 Ground 1 2.45pm  
All Age Ground 2 2.45pm

Goalkeeper Brett Sparkes was instrumental in assisting Greystanes under 13 to a 3-2 win on penalties over a sporting King Tomislav at Allum Park Greenacre.



### SEMI-FINALS RESULTS

U9: Canterbury 4p, S. Dists 3p; Manly 1, S.&E 0. U10: South Dists 2, Gladysville 0; Bankstown 3, Sutherland 2. U11: South Dists 3, Granville 0; Macarthur 9p, Nepean 8p. U12: Canterbury 3, South Dists 0; Bankstown 5, Sutherland 0. U13: Granville 3p, Southern Dists 2p; Bankstown 3, Sutherland 2. U14: Canterbury 3, Blacktown 2; Bankstown 1, Macarthur 0. U15: Illawarra 5, Canterbury 2; Manly 3, Sutherland 2. U16: Granville 2, Griffith 0; Sutherland 2, Bankstown 1. U17: Griffith 5, St George 3; Bankstown 2, Sutherland 1. U18: Gladysville 5, South Dists 2; Nepean 4p; Sutherland 2p. U21: St George 4, South Dists 0; Bankstown 3, Ku-ring-gai 2. All age: Gladysville 4, South Dists 2; Ku-ring-gai 2, Nepean 1.

### AVALA SPORTS CLUB YOUTH LEAGUE

#### Selection Trial Games

above trials will be held at Bonnyrigg High School cnr Cabramatta Road and Elizabeth Drive

#### BONNYRIGG

Dates for trials are:  
Sunday October 26  
Sunday November 2  
Sunday November 9  
Sunday November 16

#### TIMES:

Under 13s & 14s from 10am to noon  
Under 15s & 16s from 1pm to 3pm

# Amateurs, Juniors and Schools

## SYDNEY CITY PREPARES FOR THEIR 1987 SEASON

SYDNEY CITY Juniors held their presentation day and Annual General Meeting at St Anne's Hall, North Bondi on Saturday September 27.

Frank Haffey, former Scottish international goalkeeper, presented trophies and awards to players, coaches and managers. Unfortunately Murray Barnes, the current Sydney City captain, couldn't attend the presentation due to other commitments.

Over 400 people saw each player being presented with a trophy and others were presented to the Best and Fairest and Most Improved players,



the Coach of the Year, and the Team of the Year.

The committee elected to run the Club in 1987 is as follows:

**President:** Richard Davidson  
**Senior Vice-president:** Tom Guth  
**Junior Vice-president:** Mario Bideau  
**Treasurer:** Joe Owen  
**Secretary:** Charlotte Jones  
**Registrar:** Richard Davidson  
**Assistant Registrar:** Stephanie Schwarz

**Equipment Manager:** Stephen Richards  
**Publicity Officer:** Mario Bideau  
**Social Secretary:** Sheila Peddy  
**Competition Secretary:** David Jones  
**Fund Raising Manager/s:** Susan Raymend and Leonne Estell

On Sunday September 28, at Coral Sea Park, Sydney City under 9 got through to the fourth round of the Champion of Champions competition by beating Macarthur 2 goals to 1. Both Sydney City goals were scored by Daniel Butt. Once again it was a match masterly planned by coach Manuel Sevares, and Sydney City dominated the action in a game played under heavy rain at times.

## BIG SEASON AT GREYSTANES 13s



REAR, L to R: Steve Crawhall, Bruce Walne, Tony Arseniou, Shane Nelsen, Damian Beckhouse.

FRONT: Paul Sparkes (coach), Shane West, Graham Crawhall (manager), Jason Faulkner, Mark Lynch, Brett Sparkes, Brendan Field, Sean Quinn, Shannon Solomon, Ray Solomon (Assist coach).

HAVING lost six players to various Youth League squads at the end of 1985 it was necessary to embark on a re-building programme for 1986.

Pre-season trials produced five competent replacements from within the club's ranks.

Notwithstanding the evident potential of the new recruits high expectations were set for 1986 viz, to win the district Division I competition and the Grand Final, to advance to and perform well in the Champion of Champions competition.

Above all, the emphasis was to be placed on team spirit and development of the game skills necessary for future advancement.

All of the above have been achieved, in fact the team has not been defeated in any game played this season to date and has been fighting for supremacy in the champion of champions competition.

Results have been: District competition 69 for and 2 against. Biggest win 13-0 against St Johns, Semi-final 2-0 against Hills Independent, Grand final 7-0 against Winston Hills.

Total competition goals 78 for and 2 against.

Champion of Champions: Game 1 won 3-2 against Gladesville. Game 2 won on penalties (5-3) after fulltime score 2-2, against Canterbury Association.

Overall goals including Champion of Champions 84 for and 4 against.

Leading goalscorers Damian Beckhouse, 25 goals (22 in competition proper), 6 goals in one match. On two occasions he scored a hat-trick in one match.

Shane Nielson 22 goals (17 in competition

## EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS F.O. COACHES & PLAYERS WANTED

### NSW STATE LEAGUE 4

Inter-Urban First Division

The above Club requires coaches players for 1987 season.



Please contact:

**The Secretary**

**Mr Gordon Monk**

**232 8539 (B)**

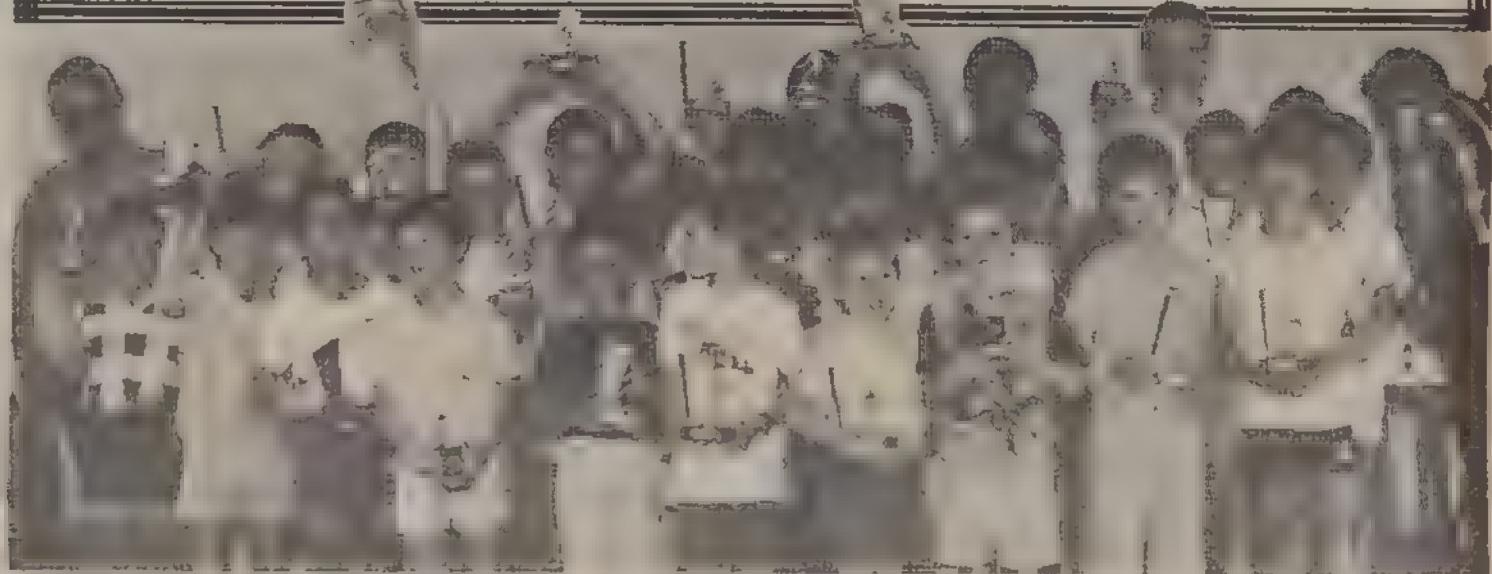
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**Runners Up:** Sydney Croatia  
**Country Champions:** Southern NSW

### UNDER 14

**State Champions:** Sydney Olympic  
**Runners Up:** Marconi  
**Country Champions:** Southern NSW

### UNDER 13

**State Champions:** Southern Districts  
**Runners Up:** Granville  
**Country Champions:** Southern NSW

**NSW Champion of Champions**  
**Finals**  
Valentine Park, Sunday October 19

## CARDIFF BOYS LEND A HAND

AFTER being in the wilderness of sporting success for a number of years, Cardiff High School came back with a vengeance in 1986.

Apart from a couple of students who gained representative honours, Cardiff's really big moment came when they won the Bill Turner Cup back in August.

However they were on the ball again in the early weeks of Third Term when they won the Lions Cup, the Australian rules K.O. competition.

proper). On two occasions he scored a hat-trick in one match.

The high number of goals for could not have been accomplished without an excellent defensive unit and the cohesion between our defence and attack by hardworking and committed midfielders.

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U10: Ground 2 9.30am  
U11: Ground 3 9.30am  
U12: Ground 1 11am  
U13: Ground 2 11am  
U14: Ground 3 11am  
U15: Ground 3 12.45pm  
U16: Ground 1 12.45pm  
U17: Ground 2 12.45pm  
U18: Ground 3 2.45pm  
U21: Ground 1 2.45pm  
All Age Ground 2 2.45pm

## SYDNEY CITY JUNIORS

### K.D.S.A. 1987 REP TRIALS

The above trials will be staged at

**Warrimoo Oval**

5.30pm to 7.30pm

Under 13s and 14s on Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th October 1986.  
Under 15s and 16s Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th October 1986

These trials are open to all players regardless of any previous rep experience

For further information, please ring after hours to

**Mr Vic Polmer 476 2331**

## AVALA SPORTS CLUB YOUTH LEAGUE

The above club is seeking coaches for 1987 season.

We also require a goalkeeping coach for our Youth League teams, Under 13s, 14s, 15s & 16s.

Written applications for the above positions must be forwarded to:

**The Secretary  
P.O. Box 226  
Cabramatta NSW 2166**

For further information contact  
**MR JACK CIRJANIC**

**607 3650**

# TORNADOES' CRAIG BASS — TWO IN DEBUT

SYDNEY TORNADOES v ENDURO SPARTANS 8-3

Saturday 4th October 1986 at South Bankstown YMCA  
Sydney

THIS game was a very exciting affair from start to finish. The first half saw some fine goals but in the end the superiority of the Sydney Tornadoes overcame the Enduro Spartans.

The Tornadoes opened the scoring when a long throw from goalkeeper, Craig Carlisle, found Scott Gilligan, who turned his man and fired the ball under the advancing Frank Sales.

Soon after the Spartans received a free kick and Nelio Borges fired the ball home from halfway. The score stood at 1-1 and from here it looked like it could go either way.

Scott Gilligan again scored for Tornadoes when he shot on the turn from close range. Sales had no chance. From

these goals Tornadoes looked good.

However a quick break by Spartans gave them a scoring opportunity and a timely interception by John Lembryk turned to disaster. His interception sent Carlisle the wrong way and before he could recover the ball it was in the back of the net.

Tornadoes kept attacking and they were rewarded with a goal through Steven Knight. From there Tornadoes never looked back.

Another goal from a direct freekick through Scott Gilligan made it

4-2 at halftime.

Soon after a back tackle by Hilton da Silva led to John Lembryk retaliating and earned him a blue card (A blue card fouls a player out of the game).

The second half saw the Spartans make some changes but it was too late to stop the Tornadoes onslaught. Craig Bass, making his debut for the Tornadoes, proved to be very effective and scored two goals. Gill Tour also provided some black magic, providing a further two goals.

The Spartans could only reply with a goal from Borges. The final score was Tornadoes 8 Spartans 3.

Goalscorers — TORNADOES Gilligan 3, Tour 2, Bass 2, Knight 1. Points — Gilligan 3, Tour 2, Bass 1. SPARTANS Borges 2, Own goal 1.

— SCOTT GILLIGAN

two good results in previous weeks.

Referee — Jack Abbott (from Mackay) — rating 7.

MONARCHS N. Barber Goalkeeper and captain. D. Olive, P. Grocott, D. Harris, A. McKerihan, J. Mifsud, K.K. Hewson, M. Sleeman, B. Menzies. ANSETT VALLEY STARS A. Cassar — captain, M. Vanderzach, P. Coad, J. Henderson, R. White, W. Dyson, E. Sostak, Coach — Joe Scidderas.

Man of the Match — Anthony Cassar.  
— BRIAN KEIGHTLY

CANBERRA CITY STRIKERS v MELBOURNE ELIMINATORS 2-1

Sunday 5th October 1986  
In Canberra

THE game was negative to start with, and both sides felt each other out. The deadlock was broken by a goal from Robbie Noggler.

The same thing happened at Soccer World and they finished strongly, finally beating the Monarchs 7-3. This was a bad result for the Monarchs team after

8-3 down with four minutes to go and pulled back to lose narrowly 8-7.

At half time the Monarchs' lead had been wiped out and the score stood at 2-2.

The home team took the lead again early in the second half through Jock Harris but it was

not long before the Ansett Valley Stars were level again.

They were starting to play fine indoor Soccer and hit the front for the first time with a goal by Peter Coad. From then on they did not look back and were using their substitutions and had the Monarchs in all sorts of trouble.

The young Melbourne side were good finishers — a point which they had proved on Friday night in Brisbane where they were

8-3 down with four minutes to go and pulled back to lose narrowly

8-7.

The second half saw the Strikers dominate



Action from Lotto Allstars v Buffalo Mets

territorially and they scored the winning goal from Chris Tansey with three and half minutes to go.

Referee — Geoff McGuinness (Sydney) rating — 8.

Man of the Match — Billy Stewart due to his creativity.

MACKAY MONARCHS v LOTTO ALL STARS 1-3

SOCER WORLD MACKAY ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

A LARGE crowd saw the unlucky Mackay Monarchs lose 3-1 to top of the ladder Lotto Stars in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League at Soccer World Mackay on Saturday night.

The Monarchs should have won their fourth game in a row played on home ground. The Monarchs created many scoring chances but were unable to finish them off.

The Monarchs started the second half creating chances but the finishing

Referee: Jack Abbott (from Mackay)

Scorers: MONARCHS Alan McKeihan 1, LOTTO Justin Mifsud 1, Dave Beck 1, Cosmo Del Giudice 1.

— BRIAN KEIGHTLEY

## JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

### RESULTS

FRIDAY — 3rd OCTOBER 1986

Brisbane Buffalo Bombers 8 v 7 Ansett Valley Stars

SATURDAY — 4th OCTOBER 1986

Mackay Monarchs	3 v 7 Ansett Valley Stars
Lotto All Stars	3 v 2 Buffalo Mets
Enduro Spartans	3 v 8 Sydney Tornadoes
Sydney Tornadoes	3 v 1 Buffalo Mets
Canberra Ampol Rockets	v Melbourne Eliminators

SUNDAY — 5th OCTOBER 1986

Enduro Spartans	12 v 4 Buffalo Mets
Canberra City Strikers	2 v 1 Melbourne Eliminators

### TABLE TO 5th OCTOBER 1986

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	D	Pts
1. Sydney Tornadoes	12	11	-	1	66	29	37	34
2. Lotto Allstars	12	8	-	3	47	41	6	27
3. Brisbane	11	6	-	5	48	41	7	23
Buffalo Bombers								
4. Canberra City	9	6	-	3	43	39	4	21
Strikers								
5. Enduro Spartans	11	5	-	6	66	71	-5	21
6. Ansett Valley	8	4	-	4	50	36	14	16
Stars								
7. Melbourne	9	3	-	6	46	60	-14	15
Eliminators								
8. Buffalo Mets	10	2	-	8	37	57	-20	14
9. Canberra Ampol	7	2	-	5	40	47	-7	11
Rockets								
10. Mackay Monarchs	6	-	-	6	29	20	6	

## National Team Appointments

Applications are now being invited for Australian Womens Soccer Association National Team Appointments.

1 YOUTH TEAM — Assistant Coach, Manager and Physio. Proposed tour to USA — 9-26 April 1987.

Approximate cost \$1500.

2 SENIOR TEAM — Assistant coach, Manager and Physio. AIS Camp — Canberra 15-22 March 1987. Proposed international tournament — Sydney 25-28 March.

Approximate cost \$500.  
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All applications and inquiries to Heather Reid, Executive Director AWSA, A.C.T. Sports House, Hackett A.C.T. 2602.

062 48 5834

CLOSING DATE 14th NOVEMBER 1986.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send your letter to  
PO Box 406 Broadway,  
NSW 2007.  
Please keep them all brief —  
preferably typed.

## WHAT IS WRONG?

THIS is a letter of concern regarding the condition of Australian Soccer. It is intended as a constructive, and not a knocker's, letter. Hopefully some notice may be given to these or others' suggestions.

We read that the NSL is to be repackaged in 1987 and that many dollars are to be spent. What is it the administrators seek to market? The game. No matter what format the League (or State Leagues for that matter) takes the base product remains the same, so lets spend some of the money on the thing that will eventually bring success and recognition.

For example, we have to allow players to play. What is the point of

producing good quality players or importing skilled players when they are kicked to death or fouled on receiving the ball? Make no mistake, all players will get away with whatever the referee allows. So here we are at the crux of the matter — the referees.

It is unfortunate but there is no protection or excuses for referees. They MUST produce the goods if crowds are to be entertained. Undoubtedly they have a most unenviable job and will never please everyone but this year they have surpassed themselves with amazingly inconsistent and incompetent decisions. Referees have ruined many games this season. Not a ridiculous statement. Why?

There are many reasons. The administrators realise there are

not sufficient numbers of referees so they push naive, inexperienced refs who are unable to handle pressure generated by the competitive games. How many times have "big games" degenerated into kicking matches through the lack of control of refs? Too many!

Yelling crowds, particularly those at Croatia and Olympic games, constantly intimidate certain referees — which is not the crowds' fault. Refs must be strong and believe in their convictions. They overreact to innocuous tackles and then completely miss or do not act to a very bad tackle! A tackle on Kalantzis last year was worth a months suspension but escaped with a free kick.

At this point the administrators must take command and stamp out such tackles and simultaneously create publicity AND a good public image for the game.

This infuriates players I know the reaction will be — players create the trouble not skillful enough etc. BUT players do not seek to injure or hurt someone — they only do what they are allowed to do. It boils down to the referees and administrators having some moral courage EDUCATE the referees by showing films of bad tackles or re-

viewing their performance (as happens to players) by video. Have meetings between referees and players — not lectures by referees to disinterested players about minor rules of the game!

Let players demonstrate what is a bad foul so referees can gain some knowledge. It's equivalent to throwing an L-plate driver into a grand prix event.

OK, spend some money on education of referees. Make a code or set of rules among referees to provide consistency in their decisions that can stand above the size of the crowd and ground location. Players and administrators owe a duty to assist.

Bright idea administrators — this may even generate publicity.

So will video trial — put a players representative on the tribunal, a referee and a knowledgeable (in terms of Soccer not administration) administrator.

It is commonly alleged the people at the top in Aussie Soccer won't introduce changes that may threaten their cosy little nest. Now is the time to dispel the idea. Combine with the referees and players to get the game going. Frankly, you're paid for doing a job and no results have been produced.

Spend the money!

Not on cosmetic changes — names, 2 divisions, 3 points, top 5, grand finals then no grand finals etc etc. Spend it on doing THE GAME (i.e. the players, referees and ball) some constructive good. Enforce the suppose ground standards!

This letter is written with the best interest of the game at heart and I hope it doesn't get the normal reaction to someone suggesting change — troublemaker!

(name supplied)  
*[P.S. Is it possible that EVERYONE who watches soccer is wrong and that the referees administrators (and players) don't need to buck up?*

## QUEENSLAND

### XXXX GRIPER

AS a keen supporter of the game in Queensland I would like to make the following comments.

Firstly I would like to ask the referees why they have such double standards. There are certain or should I say one or two teams whose players (XXXX League) are allowed to scream the favourite four letter words freely without either referee or linesman taking any action.

There are also players who are marked by the referees and re-

ceive a guaranteed caution for any minor misdemeanour while other (favourite) players can deliberately dissent, pull shorts and kick the opposition without any action being taken.

One person also seems to be out to confuse as on the promotion of Soccer here.

He has been advocating a return to State League Soccer, but wasn't his club one of the first to help disband the previous State competition by pulling out.

Secondly I read on the press he wants to meet the officials of Coalstars, North Star and also our club Mt Gravatt to set about promoting the preliminary and grand finals.

Then we read that after his team's game in the knockout final he decided not to watch the main semi-final but go home and mow his grass. That was good publicity for the game, however give us a break.

The incident concerning Fagan and Caldwell at Perry Park received too much media attention but of course Mr Fagan has had plenty of media exposure this year.

I would just like to say to Mr Fagan to ask his players Williamson and Marley what they were saying to Coalstars (17 yrs old) McFarlane all

afternoon. We didn't see or hear him running to the referee or press complaining.

J. Biell,  
Aspley Qld 4034

## NSW GRAND FINAL VENUE

I HAVE read recently how Sutherland were perturbed because they assumed that the Grand Final of the Skypak State League was to be played at the Melita Stadium.

Their protests went to such extremes that they threatened to boycott the Grand Final.

Had the officials of Sutherland been on the ball they would have noticed by reading the minutes of the NSW Soccer Federation weeks before they opened their mouth that it was never intended to play the Grand Final at Melita Stadium if Melita Eagles made it to the Grand Final.

Why then the protests? The semifinals and the grand finals were played at the best State League stadium, the same as St George Stadium is the best NSL ground.

I do repeat that it was never intended to play the Grand Final at Melita Stadium. Such petty politics is what is keeping Soccer back.

Neill Scott,  
Greenacre



## The World Scoreboard

### ENGLISH LEAGUE Div 1: Arsenal 3 Watford 1, Aston Villa 3 Southampton 1, Charlton 3 Everton 2 Leicester 3 Nottingham Forest 1, Liverpool 0 Tottenham 1, Luton 0 Norwich 0, Manchester United 3 Sheffield Wednesday 1, Newcastle 3 Manchester City 1, Oxford 2 Coventry 0 Queen's Park Rangers 2 Wimborne 1 West Ham 5 Chelsea 3.

### ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Norwich	10	6	3	1	18	11	21
Notts Forest	10	6	2	2	25	11	21
Tottenham	10	5	3	2	11	7	18
West Ham	10	5	3	2	21	18	17
Liverpool	10	5	2	3	19	12	17
Sheff Wed	10	4	4	2	20	15	16
Everton	10	4	3	3	15	12	16
Arsenal	10	4	3	3	15	12	16
Leicester	10	4	3	3	14	10	15
Coventry	10	4	3	3	9	7	15
Luton	10	3	5	2	8	7	14
OPR	10	4	2	4	11	13	14
Southampton	10	4	1	5	22	22	13
Wimbledon	10	4	1	5	12	15	13
Oxford	10	3	4	3	10	15	13
Watford	10	3	2	5	13	13	11
Charlton	10	3	2	5	10	16	11
Aston Villa	10	3	1	6	13	24	10
Chelsea	10	2	5	5	11	19	8
Man Utd	10	2	2	6	13	14	8
Newcastle	10	2	2	6	8	18	7
Man City	10	1	4	5	7	11	7

### CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Bath 2 Dagenham 0, Enfield 0 Altrincham 2, Maidstone 3 Runcorn 2, Weymouth 3 Wealdstone 2.

### SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier

Divisions:	Aberdeen	Dundee	Glasgow	Hibernian	Heart of Midlothian	Kilmarnock	Rangers
1.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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# Wide World of Football

## KAISER FRANZ WANTED — TO CALL IT A DAY! —

FRANZ Beckenbauer's first reaction to reaching the 1986 World Cup Final was to offer the West Germany F.A. his resignation!

He was encouraged to carry on. But the fact that the nation's most famous footballing son felt it necessary to make such a gesture has shaken West Germany. Talking exclusively to SHOOT, The Kaiser reveals his Mexico agony.

"I did not enjoy the whole experience because of rows with certain players and problems with the media. I reached the stage where I wanted to quit!"

"Our problems as a nation go back 30 years. Our fans have become accustomed to success, demanding of it. Now they automatically expect us to become European Champions in 1988 because we are hosts."

"But they had better understand now that I have a lot of hard work to do rebuilding our team. It is not good enough!"

EAST GERMAN football has lost two of its most respected players. Hans-Jurgen Doerner of Dynamo Dresden and Rudiger Schnupphase from Rot Weiss Erfurt have retired.

Doerner won exactly 100 caps for his country and established his reputation as one of the best liberos in the Oberliga. Schnupphase was capped 45 times. And in 1982 the sweeper was Carl Zeiss Jena's top scorer with 19 goals.

SCOTTISH international striker STEVE ARCHIBALD is still considering a move from Barcelona to French First Division club Auxerre which would make him one of the most expensive players in history.

The French have offered \$800,000 for his services and that would take his accumulative transfer value to a staggering \$5.2 million.

He is on such a high basic wage at Barcelona though that he may well just see his contract out — as a reserve teamer.

THE rumour around Birmingham at the moment is that Rangers player-manager Graeme Souness has made a \$430,000 offer for Aston Villa's England Under 23 international defender Gary Williams. Rangers are denying it.

THERE is no doubt that Brazilians en masse are crazy about Soccer but they couldn't touch a bloke by the name of Andy Mann of Folkestone, he is plain nuts!

You see, he has named his new born baby son after the entire Brazilian side that won the 1970 World Cup, their manager and the number one player in the world at the moment — Diego Maradona!

The kid has ended up with no less than 54 names and even worse is the fact that his dad can't even spell them properly. The little boy has been called... Edson Arantes de Nascimento Pele—Felix Minelli Venerado—Hercules Brito Ruas—Wilson da Silva Pizza—Carlos Alberto Torres—Everaldo Marquis Da Silva—Coladoaldo Tavares de Santana—Jair Ventura Filho—Gerson de Oliveira Nunes—Eduardo Concalves Andrade—Roberto Rivellino—Mario Jorge Lobo Zagallo—Arthur Antunes Colmbo—Socrates de Souza de Oliveira de Vera Amaral—Diego Armando Maradona.

Who said all the nuts are in Brazil!

## THESE BOOTS HAVE TRAVELED

CRYSTAL PALACE are offering a £200 reward for the return of their boots!

Thieves broke into their Mitcham training ground the other week and made off with all the players' footwear. Says manager Steve Coppell: "I can't imagine what use Mickey Droy's size 12 boots could be to anyone."



Above: ONE of Franz Beckenbauer's trump-cards in Mexico — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge tries an overhead-kick against Morocco.

## WARK TO WALK?

TITLES chasing Hearts are ready to join Aberdeen and Norwich in the chase for Liverpool's out of favour John Wark.

The 29-year-old Scottish international has not played since breaking an ankle against Coventry in April. And with so much competition for a midfield place at Anfield, Kenny Dalglish might well be ready to

listen to offers for Wark. Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson has already paid £300,000 for Dundee midfield player Robert Connor, but has been a long-time admirer of Wark and is looking for someone with a

proven goalscoring record.

But I'm told that Hearts also fancy the former Ipswich star after failing with an ambitious bid to bring Liam Brady back from Italy during the Summer.

Hearts manager Alex MacDonald recently agreed a fee of £280,000 for Dundee midfielder John Brown, but the move broke down because of a disagreement over personal terms.

Should Liverpool agree to Wark's transfer request two years after signing him in a £450,000 deal, expect Hearts to give Aberdeen a real run for their money.

## ELTON'S LONG SONG!

WATFORD new boy Kevin Richardson was more than a little surprised to receive a trans-Atlantic phone call from chairman Elton John wishing him all the best in his career at Vicarage Road.

The £225,000 midfield man says: "It was very nice of him to call, but I must admit I thought it was one of my old Everton team-mates trying to wind me up."



IAN RUSH — attacks... the ball not the ref.

## HUSH RUSH

## HENRI PLEADS COME BACK!

FROM now on Liverpool's goalscorer extraordinaire IAN RUSH will not open his mouth too often when it comes to the referee.

Following his after-match send-off for Liverpool against Manchester City the Italian-bound striker has been fined more than a \$1000 and has been warned over his future conduct.

The Welshman swore at the referee but escaped an automatic ban because of his exemplary record in which he had been booked only twice in six years at Anfield.

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THE League of Ireland have found a new sponsor — car manufacturers Opel, who recently announced a four-year deal. Sounds a hell of a lot better than the Kentucky Fried Chicken League of Ireland!

FRANCE manager Henri Michel is battling, with two international 'old-boys' in a desperate bid to persuade them to rejoin the squad.

Hardly surprising when you realise that the men he wants back are Michel Platini and Jean Tigana.

"There is one hell of a gap between good players and great players," he says. "My youngsters are in the transitional stage, learning and developing at the top level."

If I don't handle this situation carefully they could go pieces, their confidence destroyed by a handful of bad results.

"I need Platini and Tigana (below) to prolong their careers for France for a few more months."



MICHEL PLATINI weaves his magic for France. Henri Michel wants him to continue to do so.

# THE PRICE OF FAME? BABIES OF COURSE!

**DIEGO MARADONA**, the little dynamo of Argentina and Napoli and incidentally the world's number one footballer, is being put through a rough old time by his claimed pregnant girlfriends.

First up was raven-haired Neapolitan beauty Cristina Sinagra, 22, who went to air on television a fortnight ago with her lawyer to announce from her hospital bed: "Diego is the daddy of my day-old son."

Her lawyer — Enrico Tuccilio simpered: "Diego is a fine sportsman on the field. Now we trust that he will be a good sport in this delicate matter. Otherwise we will have to place the case before a magistrate."

While Cristina cuddled the little boy she had aptly named Deigo Armando, Maradona himself was cuddling his live-in-lover Claudia Villafanes, who is expecting their child next March ... nine months after the super-stars' return from the triumphant scenes of the Mexican World Cup.

Claudia, has been with the hot-shot Diego since the days back in the streets of Buenos Aires.

He says: "I am too bitter for words. A woman can have a miscarriage with shock and jealousy. She expects a child by the man she has stood by and loved for 13 years then she hears of the birth of another baby."

"I simply cannot believe these scandalous allegations about me. As God is my witness I deny that the new baby is my son."

The good people of Naples are sticking by their hero and when he turned up for training last week thousands lined the streets to cheer him on.

Diego had, at first, refused to play against Udinese in an Italian League match, but Napoli's no-nonsense hard-man coach Ottavia

Bianchi spent five hours persuading him to turn out.

There was rapturous applause in the San Carlo Stadium when Diego made his appearance.

Meanwhile, 22-year-old accountant Cristina says: "The child will be baptised in Diego's name next week. I was introduced to Maradona by his younger brother Hugo."

"There is not any doubt in my mind that

Diego is the child's father and he has his daddy's eyes."

The 25-year-old Maradona reaps in an income of around \$2.2m a year and already the girls' lawyer is talking in terms of maintenance at the rate of \$45,000 a week!

Under Italian law Diego has only a couple of days left in which to fill in Form 37 concerning recognition of parenthood. Otherwise, says Enrico, he will be

served with a paternity suit.

The devoutly religious Diego later said through lawyers that he was certain the child was not his.

Because of all this emotional turmoil there was considerable doubt whether he would travel to France with Napoli to play in the second leg of their UEFA Cup tie against Toulouse — he should have stayed home — he missed the penalty that put his side out of the competition!

**THE English Football Association face insurance claims of up to \$250,000 from Manchester United, QPR and Everton over Injuries suffered by their players in the Mexican World Cup.**

**Gary Bailey, Bryan Robson, Terry Fenwick, Peter Reid and Gary Stevens have missed out on a lot of football between them since the Cup.**



**BIRMINGHAM** have signed Spur's Scotland Under 21 winger Richard Cooke on a month's loan with a view to a permanent deal.

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**LUTON TOWN**, thrown out of the Littlewoods Cup (League Cup) because they won't let visiting supporters into Kenilworth Road, are to take their case to the High Court — with the backing of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher!

**READING** winger ANDY ROGERS, who almost died when he swallowed his tongue at Swindon last season, has asked for a move after being dropped.  
He cost the club \$35,000 from Plymouth last year.

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**FORMER** England defender Colin Todd, 38, has been appointed first team coach at Middlesbrough.

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**CLAUDIO SULSER**, Switzerland's top scorer at international level with 13 goals from 45 outings, has shocked the F.A. by announcing his retirement from this level of football.

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**THE Northern Irish F.A.** want to arrange a testimonial match for PAT JENNINGS before the end of the year. To be played at Windsor Park, they're hoping to get an All-Star British team to take on a European XI.

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**SECOND DIVISION** Barnsley have paid Doncaster \$80,000 for Jim Dobbin, the ex-Scotland Under 21 midfielder.



**DIEGO MARADONA** takes on a defender. He is now taking on more babies than he can handle and being called 'dadda' more than he likes!

**TWO** of England's injured party during the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico. **GARY LINEKER** (above) beats a team-mate at training with his arm strapped to his chest. He played with a hand and wrist injury throughout the series. Whilst below his captain, **BRYAN ROBSON** is in agony after hitting the turf and dislocating his shoulder once more in the match against Morocco. Robson played no further part in the World Cup.



**POINT ONE:** When Aston Villa approached Manchester City for permission to speak to manager Billy McNeill, the former Celtic said: "I am happy at Maine Road."

"I still have two years of my contract to run and feel honour-bound to see it through."

**POINT TWO:** Guess who was appointed Aston Villa manager last week? No prised...

**AFTER** a behind the scenes row, Frank Sibley is to continue as first team coach at QPR. Peter Shreeve, the ex-Spurs manager who was recently taken on the staff, will coach Rangers' reserves.

**MARIO SOTO** of Cobreloa in Chile does his best to nod this cross in.

# DALGLISH - BACK, SAYS TO BE RUSHED GOAL-KING IAN

LIVERPOOL's amazing goalscoring man IAN RUSH says that Liverpool had better hope Kenny Dalglish is still playing once he himself takes off for Juventus next season.

Says Rush: "This time next season I'll be wearing the black and white stripes of Juventus. But everyone will be praying that Kenny Dalglish is still wearing the red of Liverpool!"

"We have top quality players at this club. We could not have such a fabulous collection of medals between us without forming the best squad in the League."

"But player-manager Dalglish is still the best all-round player at the club."

"At 35, he no longer has the legs of a player in his twenties. But Dalglish has a football brain second to none."

He knows where the ball is going before it is played; knows where he is going to play it before it reaches him.

"We play better when he is in the team because there is no substitute for class. He still dictates play, makes and scores superb goals, tears teams apart with cunning and positional genius."

"But what happens when he hangs up his boots for the last time? I believe it worries Kenny as much as it worries the fans."

"Nothing would make him happier if

## HUNGRY ANDY

WALSALL defender Colin Brazier is set to ask for a wage rise — for putting up with team-mate Andy Polan!

Explains Colin: "Since the club signed Andy from Arsenal, he's been living with my wife and I and is eating us out of house and home."

"He eats anything he can get his hands on. It's getting so bad that we've had to put locks on the fridge!"

WOLVES defender Geoff Palmer is quitting after 14 years at Molineux in order to join the West Midlands Police Force.

The veteran defender says: "I've enjoyed my Soccer career but feel I must now look for a more settled future."



STEVE WICKS gets physical for QPR, he's now back at Chelsea.

Paul Walsh shook off his injury problems and commanded a place in the first team.

"Walsh has the skill and the pace. But has he Dalglish's brain?"

"Paul is an individual player. He has improved tremendously since arriving from Luton, blending in with our style more and more. But only if he can become as unselfish as Dalglish will he ever be as great a pro."

"But what happens when he hangs up his boots for the last time? I believe it worries Kenny as much as it worries the fans."

"Nothing would make him happier if



'King' KENNY DALGLISH celebrates another goal for Liverpool. Ian Rush believes the Reds will need him next season.

## HARD-HITTING HOLLINS

JOHN HOLLINS — the manager of Chelsea knows only too well that injury problems spoiled Chelsea's title chances last season.

Which is why he started the new campaign with an even stronger squad than last season, his first term of office. Only a mid-winter pile-up of injuries checked their consistent involvement at the forefront of the title race.

The record books show that Chelsea dwindled to finish sixth after a traumatic final two months where their form varied up and down like the proverbial fiddler's elbow.

Hollins learned two hard lessons and believes they will serve him well this season.

Number one was to never allow pride to come before a fall. Number two was that no matter how strong you might think you are, the unexpected is always waiting round the corner to kick you in the pants.

Now Hollins has given himself some insurance as he gets some cover for injuries this season — bringing in Gordon Durie of Hibernian for \$650,000 to cover for and challenge Kerry Di-

xon and David Speedie. Steve Wicks has come "back home" via a shorter route from QPR

to strengthen defensive options.

Hollins is fortunate, indeed, to have a chair-

man in Ken Bates who has backed him to the hilt in the quest for success.



KERRY DIXON bangs another one in.

## FINANCE

HERE'S a spot of real Soccer finance at its very best.

Last season Birmingham were offered \$220,000 for ex-Rangers striker Alan Kennedy by Walsall.

They refused to let him go. Now he's in the reserves, but they can't even give him away after announcing he had been awarded a free transfer.

And fans wonder how clubs get themselves into financial strife. . . .

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STEVE LYNEC has turned down a \$220,000 move to Walsall because he still wants to play First Division football with Leicester.

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FRANK McGARVEY, the former Celtic and Liverpool striker wants to leave his current nest at St. Mirren just a year after joining them in a near \$200,000 deal.

"The place is a shambles," says the 30-year-old star who became the first man to score 100 Premier League goals.

"There is a total lack of ambition about the club and I won't be happy until I leave."



McGarvey move?

WEST BROMWICH ALBION striker GARTH CROOKS has turned down a move to Barnsley, who offered him just over \$1,200 a week! But then again he's on close to \$2,000 at Brom, so if you're on a good thing — stick to it!

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ARSENAL's GRAHAM RIX is worried about his future after an achilles tendon operation which will keep him out of the game until Christmas.



Worried — RIX.